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This volume marks the one-year anniversary of the series.

Its contents are memorable to me too.

Who will Raku end up with?

I hope you'll keep following the story to find out.

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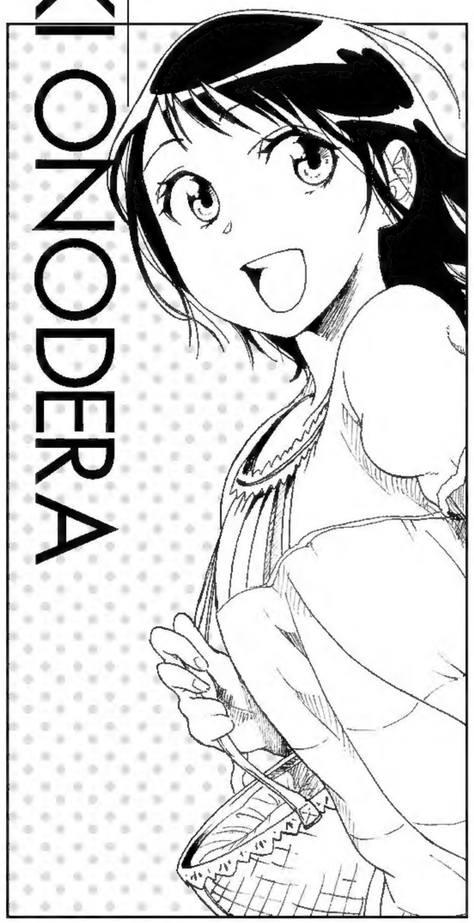
THE STORY THUS FAR

MARIKA TACHIBANA

Daughter of the chief of police, Marika is Raku's fiancée, according to an agreement made by their fathers—an agreement Marika takes very seriously! Also has a key and remembers making a promise with Raku ten years ago.



KOSAKI ONODERA

A girl Raku has a crush on. Beautiful and sweet, Kosaki has no shortage of admirers. She's a terrible cook but makes food that *looks* amazing.

CHITOGE KIRISAKI

A half-Japanese bombshell with stellar athletic abilities. Short-tempered and violent. Comes from a family of gangsters.

RAKU ICHIJO

A normal teen whose family happens to be yakuza. Cherishes a pendant given to him by a girl he met ten years ago. Has a crush on Kosaki.

SEISHIRO TSUGUMI

Adopted by Claude as a young child and raised as a top-notch assassin, Seishiro is 100% devoted to Chitoge. Often mistaken for a boy, Tsugumi's really a girl.

SHU MAIKO

Raku's best friend. Outgoing and girl-crazy. Always tuned in to the latest gossip at school.

RURI MIYAMOTO

Kosaki's best gal pal. Comes off as aloof, but is actually a devoted and highly intuitive friend.

Raku Ichijo is an ordinary teen...who just happens to come from a family of yakuza! His most treasured item is a pendant he was given ten years ago by a girl whom he promised to meet again one day and marry.

It all starts when Raku is forced into a false relationship with Chitoge, the daughter of a rival gangster, to keep their families from shedding blood. Despite their constant spats, Raku and Chitoge somehow manage to fool everyone. The plot thickens when Chitoge discovers an old key and memories of her own first love ten years earlier! Meanwhile, Raku's crush, Kosaki, confesses to him that she also has a key and made a promise with a boy ten years ago. To complicate matters further, a new girl, Marika Tachibana, shows up claiming to be Raku's fiancée. The whole gang then goes on a beach trip, where Kosaki asks Raku to kiss her!

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WOULD YOU KISS ME?

Chapter 45: Turmoil

I DON'T BELIEVE IT...

WHAT DID SHE JUST SAY?

WHAT?

WHAT DID I JUST SAY?!!

BLUSH

WHAT NOW?! OH MY GOD!!

I THINK I SAID IT OUT LOUD!!

OR DID I SAY IT OUT LOUD?!

DID I SAY THAT IN MY HEAD?

WHAT AM I DOING?!

OH, GOD!

LUB DUB

LUB DUB

LUB DUB

LUB DUB

OH, ICHIJO...

ドキン

WHAT WAS I THINKING? HE'S PROBABLY WEIRDED OUT...

LUB DUB

LUB DUB

ドキン...

WHY DON'T YOU SAY SOME-THING?!

チラッ...

GLANCE

LUB DUB

ドキン...

OH, GOD! HE MUST THINK I'M A FREAK!!

MY IMAGINATION RAN AWAY FROM-ME, AND I JUST BLURTED IT OUT.

NOW WHAT? EVERYTHING JUST FELT SO.RIGHT...

AAAAAAAAAHHH

あああああああ

JOLT!!

ビクンッ!!

HUH!

...

ZZZ

うと...

I WAS TOO EXCITED ABOUT THIS TRIP WITH ONO-DERA.

I'M SORRY. I BARELY SLEPT LAST NIGHT.

OH, MAN. I GUESS I DOZED OFF...

ハヒュ!!!

VOOSH

I'LL COME WITH...

HUH? WAIT...

I GUESS I'LL GET BACK TO THE GROUP. WHY DON'T YOU CATCH UP LATER?

WELL, UM...

DID YOU SAY SOME-THING?

NO, NOT REALLY.

OH?

WH-WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?

??

I DON'T BELIEVE IT...

SHE SEEMED TOTALLY SERIOUS TOO...

SKWEE...

ギュ...

DID KOSAKI REALLY JUST SAY THAT?

DID I JUST HEAR WHAT I THOUGHT I HEARD?

I'M PRETTY SURE THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID, ANYWAY.

I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT ELSE IT COULD'VE BEEN...

I GUESS KOSAKI REALLY LIKES SPICY FOOD.

"WOULD YOU EAT KIMCHI?"

DID I HEAR RIGHT?

Please...give me something to eat!

Would you eat kim-chi?

Oh, rats. I was gonna save this, but I guess you can have it.

Kimchi

WHY'D SHE ASK THAT?

SHE DIDN'T SEEM LIKE SHE WAS JOKING AROUND...

??

ポツン…

STARE...

SHP… SHP

N-NOTHING!

WHAT?

HEY!

WHAT'RE YOU DOING OVER THERE?

JOLT

ビクッ!!

THE BEACH.

DAY TWO.

SHAH ガヤ

...

SHAH ガヤ

SIGH...

WHAT'S UP WITH ME, ANYWAY?

SHAH ガヤ!!

WHY AM I SO AWKWARD AROUND HIM THESE DAYS?

EVERY-THING WAS TOTALLY NORMAL UNTIL JUST RECENT-LY...

WHAT'S WRONG?

YOU'VE BEEN KINDA QUIET SINCE YESTERDAY.

OH, HEY!

Uh, well...

How come you didn't walk back with Ichijo yesterday?

KOSAKI?

CHITOGE!

SURE. WHAT?

CAN I ASK YOU SOME-THING, KOSAKI?

WELL, I HAVE THIS FRIEND, SEE...

THAT WOULD BE NOTHING NEW...

DID YOU HAVE A FIGHT WITH ICHIJO?

I'M HERE IF YOU WANNA TALK ABOUT IT.

...AND, WELL...

...

...AND ACHING AND SHE CAN'T JUST ACT NORMAL AROUND HIM LIKE SHE USED TO?

YEAH.

...HER HEART STARTS POUND-ING...

SO WHEN YOUR FRIEND IS AROUND THIS CERTAIN PER-SON...

MAYBE SHE'S TALKING ABOUT TSUGUMI ...

OH...

...AND SHE REALLY DOESN'T KNOW WHY.

IT STARTED ALL OF A SUDDEN...

BLRFF

SOUNDS LIKE YOUR FRIEND'S IN LOVE.

WELL ...

...YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT I REALLY THINK?

YEAH.

WHAT IS IT?

LOVE, HUH?

SHE USED TO JUST FEEL NORMAL AROUND HIM AND ALL OF A SUDDEN IT CHANGED, RIGHT? THAT'S GOTTA BE IT...

YES. THAT'S WHAT I THINK.

DON'T YOU?

IN...

L-L-L-LOVE?!

Tee-hee.

OOPS. SORRY.

...

KOSAKI?

...BUT, NO! IT CAN'T BE!!

I GUESS THAT WOULD EXPLAIN A LOT...

LOVE?!

LOVE...

HOW YOU AND ME AND ICHIJO ALL MET WHEN WE WERE LITTLE?

YOU KNOW ...

...REMEMBER WHAT YOUR DAD SAID?

I WAS JUST WONDER-ING...

...IF TEN YEARS AGO, WE HUNG OUT AND TALKED JUST LIKE THIS.

HUH?

MAYBE WE USED TO HANG OUT BACK THEN JUST LIKE NOW!

WHEN YOU AND I TALK, I GET THIS FAMILIAR FEELING...

I'M STARTING TO FEEL LIKE I SORT OF GET IT.

-SIGH- THAT SURE WAS NICE.

KOSAKI'S A GOOD FRIEND.

I'M GLAD WE TALKED.

Thanks! I owe you! I'll get you a jar of kimchi next time!

I'm here anytime you wanna talk about stuff again!

Kim-chi?

I BET YOU'RE RIGHT!

YEAH!

AARGH!

NO, NO, NO, NO! IT CAN'T BE!!

HOW COULD I EVEN THINK THAT! NO WAY. UH-UH!

カアア

BLUSH

BLUSH

ドドド..

BUT... LOVE?

IS THAT POSSIBLE?

WITH THAT BEAN SPROUT, NO LESS?!

...I'M IN LOVE WITH...

BUT THAT WOULD MEAN...

HE'S NOT SUCH A BAD GUY. I SEE THAT NOW.

シュワッ!!

KA-SHOOM

THERE!

IT'S LIT!

AT LEAST, THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT.

PHEW ...

BUT WHY...

...DOES MY HEART KEEP POUNDING LIKE THIS?

OH!

I'VE NEVER DONE THESE BEFORE!

FIRE-WORKS. THE PERFECT ENDING!

HUH?

DID SHE DISAPPEAR AGAIN?

HEY, WHERE'S KIRISAKI?

SHE WAS HERE A MINUTE AGO.

Yikes!

SHE'S BEEN ACTING WEIRD SINCE YESTER-DAY.

HONEST-LY, WHAT'S WITH THAT GIRL?

I'LL GO.

NO, DON'T WORRY, ONO-DERA.

I'LL SEE IF I CAN FIND HER!

...

GEEZ, THIS SUCKS!

I GET ALL NERVOUS JUST BEING AROUND HIM!

POP

POP..

OH!

KRAK

POP

POP..

OH, PLEASE...

PLEASE ...

MAYBE.

IF IT DOESN'T FALL, IT ISN'T LOVE!

IF THE SPARK DOESN'T FALL OFF, I WIN.

KSHH

づづ...

TCHSH

づ"づ"づ...

IF IT FALLS, IT'S LOVE.

THIS IS AWFUL!

HOW CAN I KEEP PRETENDING WE'RE A COUPLE?!

I HAVE TO CALM DOWN!

GET IT TOGETHER, GIRL. GET IT TO-GETHER!

う～～～...!!

GRRRR!

WHAT?!

...

ドキィ!!

LUB DUB

WHAT'S UP? WHAT'RE YOU DOING OVER HERE?

PUP

I KNOW SOMETHING'S BOTHERING YOU.

You don't know me!

HA! YOU THINK YOU KNOW EVERYTHING!

YOU WOULDN'T BE SITTING HERE ALL ALONE IF NOTHING WAS WRONG.

NOTHING!

I'M NOT DOING ANYTHING. NOTHING'S WRONG!

Here, lemme have one.

I CAN TELL WHEN SOME-THING'S WRONG.

...BUT WE'RE TOGETHER PRACTICALLY EVERY DAY, EVEN OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL.

IT'S ONLY BEEN A FEW MONTHS...

FOR CRYING OUT LOUD, WHY'S SHE MAD NOW?!

...

SHUT UP!!

QUIT DOING WHAT?!

OW!!

WHAP

QUIT DOING THAT!!

I DON'T GET IT!

QUIT ACTING LIKE WE'RE PALS OR SOME-THING!

NO-THING'S BOTHER-ING ME, GOOD SIR!

IF SOMETHING'S BUGGING YOU, YOU CAN TELL ME.

YOU TOTALLY HATE ME, RIGHT?

WE'RE A FALSE COUPLE, REMEMBER?

GIVE ME A BREAK ...

WHAT?

I GUESS SO.

BUT I MEAN ...

NOT AS MUCH ...

...AS I DID AT FIRST.

WHERE'D THAT COME FROM?

HEY, DO YOU THINK... ...

HMM?

OH.

...HATE YOUR GUTS!

I TOTALLY, TOTALLY, TOTALLY, TOTALLY, TOTALLY, TOTALLY... TOTAL-LY.

WELL, I CAN'T SAY THAT DOESN'T HURT A LITTLE ...

DO YOU STILL HATE MY GUTS?

WHAT ABOUT YOU, THEN?

OF COURSE. ...

...DO YOU THINK IT WOULD WORK OUT?

IF WE WERE ACTUALLY BOYFRIEND AND GIRLFRIEND...

JUST ANSWER ME!

WH...

WHERE ON EARTH DID THAT COME FROM?!

...

SO WHAT?

THAT'S SO UNLIKE YOU!

WHAT?!

THIS IS SO WEIRD. WHAT'S GOING ON WITH HER??

WHAT'S WITH HER TODAY?!

LUB DUB

ドキ...

WHY SHOULD I BE NERVOUS AROUND CHITOGE ALL OF A SUDDEN?

あたふた
FLAIL FLAIL

THIS IS BAD. I LIKE ONODERA!

AND HOW COME I'M SELF-CONSCIOUS ALL OF A SUDDEN?!

FLAIL FLAIL
あたふた

...LOOKED...

...LIKE THIS?

WAIT A SEC...

...HAS SHE ALWAYS...

...

...

OF...

...

GULP

ﾌﾞｯ...

WHAT ARE YOU, CRAZY?

OF COURSE IT WOULDN'T.

FOR ONE THING, YOU'RE NOT MY TYPE!

YOU'RE LOUD-MOUTHED AND VIOLENT...

...AND TOTALLY NOT SWEET.

IF YOU HAD EVEN...

...AN OUNCE OF GIRLINESS IN YOU...

WE'D FIGHT ALL THE TIME, JUST LIKE WE DO NOW.

I GET IT, OKAY? WOULD YOU JUST SHUT UP!!

SHUT UP!!

HUH?

...

JOLT

AH!!

VOOSH

...

S-SORRY ...

WAIT! HEY...

...OF SUMMER VACATION.

AFTER THAT, THERE WAS JUST OVER A WEEK LEFT...

...DIDN'T SPEAK TO EACH OTHER ONCE.

PSHOO

PSHOO

Aieee!

BUT CHITOGE AND I...

The reason Tsugumi wasn't in the fireworks scene.
She's gotten good at giving me the slip!
Not here, either...
Darn! Where's the Mis-tress?

組

COME TO THINK OF IT...

...I HAVEN'T.

BY THE WAY...

HAVE YOU SEEN THE YOUNG MASTER WITH THE YOUNG LADY IN QUESTION LATELY?

BUT IT HAS BEEN OVER TEN DAYS NOW.

UP UNTIL NOW, THE TWO OF THEM WERE NEVER APART FOR MORE THAN THREE DAYS.

YOU DON'T SUPPOSE...

HMM...

Chapter 46: The Play

SHF

SUMMER VACATION WAS OVER, BUT IT WAS STILL HOT WHEN SCHOOL STARTED AGAIN.

A NEW SEMESTER.

DOOONG

DING

SHE HASN'T ANSWERED MY CALLS OR TEXTS.

SHEESH.

EVER SINCE THAT DAY AT THE BEACH...

ARGH! HOW COME THIS IS BUGGING ME SO MUCH, ANYWAY?

OR IS SHE REALLY MAD?

WHAT'S THE DEAL? WHAT'S SHE SO MAD ABOUT?

I DON'T GET IT.

IF WE WERE ACTUALLY BOYFRIEND AND GIRLFRIEND...

...DO YOU THINK IT WOULD WORK OUT?

THIS SUCKS. I DON'T GET IT.

THEN AGAIN, WHY WOULD I UNDERSTAND WHAT GOES ON IN THAT GIRL'S HEAD?

I WONDER IF HE'S STILL ON THE OUTS WITH CHITOGE.

SOMETHING'S BOTHERING ICHIJO.

S-SORRY...

...

JUST ANSWER ME!

IS SHE...

...EVEN GOING TO SHOW UP TODAY?

IN ALL OUR FIGHTS, SHE'S NEVER APOLOGIZED PROPERLY BEFORE...

WHY DID SHE APOLOGIZE?

CHATTER

CHATTER

ガヤ

ガヤ..

...

GOOD MORNING ...

ガタ...
SHP

UH... HI...

CLATTER

SORRY.

I'VE BEEN BUSY...

KTNK

ゴト...

I MEAN, THE SILENT TREATMENT? ISN'T THAT KINDA HARSH?

HEY, HOW ABOUT RETURNING A GUY'S CALLS NOW AND THEN?

I'M NOT MAD.

HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO KNOW IF YOU WON'T TELL ME?

HOW COME YOU'RE MAD AT ME?

WHAT'S WITH THE FROSTY VIBES?

000

WHAT'S WITH THE ATTITUDE?!

WHAT?!

WE'D BETTER BE QUIET.

HOMEROOM'S STARTING.

MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE!

...OUR PROJECT FOR THIS YEAR'S SCHOOL FESTIVAL!

IT'S TIME FOR US ALL TO DISCUSS...

IT'S NOTHING NEW FOR HER TO PLAY IT COOL AFTER SOMETHING HAPPENS BETWEEN US...

Birthday party.

BUT THIS TIME IT'S DIFFERENT...

School trip.

I PROMISE YOU AN UN-FORGETTABLE SCHOOL FESTIVAL PROJECT THIS YEAR!

AS THIS YEAR'S SCHOOL FESTIVAL CHAIRMAN...

PIPE DOWN!

IT BETTER NOT BE SOME-THING WEIRD!

MAIKO'S OUR CHAIRMAN THIS YEAR?!

OH, NO!

SO, HOW'S THIS FOR AN IDEA...

WE'LL ASSIGN THE ROLES TODAY!

FOR THE LEAD PARTS OF ROMEO AND JULIET...

ROMEO AND JULIET!

THE VOTES ARE IN! OUR CLASS WILL PRESENT A PLAY ON THE DAY OF THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL!

AND THE PLAY IS...

わー!!
YEAH!!
いぎなし!!
NICE!
YEAH!!
わー!
ALL RIGHT!
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!
W-WAIT!
CLAP CLAP
パチ
パチ
CLAP
パチ
SHU!!
CLAP CLAP
パチ
パチ
パチ
WHAT?!
RAKU ICHIJO AND CHITOGE KIRISAKI!
I NOMINATE OUR CLASS'S MOST FAMOUS LOVE-BIRDS...
TA-DAA!!
GIVE THE PART TO SOMEONE ELSE.
I'M NOT INTERESTED. I DON'T LIKE THEATER.
I WON'T DO IT.
I'LL BE JULIET!!
I'LL DO IT!
I DO! I DO! I DOOO!
WHO WANTS THE PART?
OKAAAY... THAT'S TOO BAD, BUT THERE YOU HAVE IT.

KIRISAKI?
♡

YOU DON'T MIND, DO YOU...

MY DARLING RAKU AND I AS ROMEO AND JULIET!

OH, HOW WONDER-FUL!

WE'LL DO OUR VERY BEST, WON'T WE, MY ROMEO?

WHO YOU CALLIN' ROMEO?!

WHAT-EVER.

ROAAR

WHOA! CALM DOWN, PEOPLE!!

I WANNA BE ROMEO! ME! ME!

WHAAAAT!? MARIKA'S PLAYING JULIET?!

I DUNNO ...

WHAT'S WITH HER?

One each, boys and girls.

OH, WELL.

WE'LL DRAW STRAWS FOR THE PARTS. THAT'S FAIR.

OH, COME NOW, RAKU, DAAAR-LING!

HEY, SHU! I DON'T WANT TO BE ROMEO EITHER!

HMM ...

RAKU, YOU HAVE AN UNCANNY KNACK FOR DRAWING STRAWS...

IT'S NOT MY FAULT!!

DROP DEAD!

NOT RAKU AGAIN!! NO FAIR!

Onodera?

And with Onodera?!

TA-DAA!!

ええ!!

WHAT?!

グーミー

キラーン

MAY I HAVE THE PART?

ONO-DERA?

YES?

TAP

ガシッ

UM... ER...

I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN...

PLEASE, PLEASE, PRETTY PRETTY PLEEEEEASE??

I CAN HAVE THE ROLE IF SHE AGREES TO GIVE IT UP, CAN'T I?

WHY NOT? I WANT TO PLAY THE LEAD ROLE OPPOSITE MY DARLING RAKU!

HUH?

I'M S-SORRY...

...

IS THAT SO?

I'D LIKE TO PLAY...THE LEAD ROLE...

BUT...I... ACTUALLY... I'D LIKE TO DO IT.

HUH? OH... WELL...

JUST A LITTLE... HA HA...

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE INTERESTED IN ACTING, ONODERA.

...?

Let it go, will you?

Did you hear that?

I'LL JUST HAVE TO PREP AS AN UNDERSTUDY IN CASE ONODERA CAN'T DO IT ON THE BIG DAY.

WELL, THAT'S HOW IT GOES.

IS THAT ALL RIGHT, MAIKO?

SURE. WHY NOT?

OH, MAN. IT'S JUST A PLAY, BUT I'M ALREADY NERVOUS!

STAR-CROSSED LOVERS. I NEVER EVEN DREAMED OF THIS!

IS THIS REALLY HAPPENING?! ME AND ONODERA AS ROMEO AND JULIET?!

チラッ GLANCE

BESIDES...

もやもや GNRLF...

...

SHE'S GONE...

HMM?

DIIIING DOOOONG

RIGHT!

OKAY! REHEARSALS FOR THE PLAY START TODAY! MEET BACK HERE AFTER SCHOOL!

ガタ CLATTER

CLATTER ガタ

ガタ CLATTER

HOW COME YOU'RE RUSHING OFF?

DON'T "WHAT" ME!

WHAT?

HEY!

WAIT UP, CHITOGE!

THAT'S NOT THE POINT.

...

IT'S JUST ONE DAY.

IF WE DON'T WALK HOME TOGETHER, IT LOOKS SUSPICIOUS.

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN.

We're supposed to be totally in love, remember?

I'M NOT IN THE PLAY.

I'VE GOT NO REASON TO HANG AROUND.

I DON'T WANT TO DO IT, SO I SAID NO.

WELL, WHAT WAS I SUPPOSED TO DO?

WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE A COUPLE AND ALL. IT LOOKS BAD IF YOU FLAT OUT REFUSE STUFF LIKE THAT.

HOW COME...

...YOU TURNED DOWN THE PART?

...

HOW COME YOU'VE BEEN ACTING SO WEIRD LATELY!?

...!!

WAIT!!

IS THAT ALL?

SEE YOU TOMORROW.

MAYBE THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO, BUT AT LEAST TELL ME WHAT'S UP...

OR IS SOMETHING ELSE BOTHERING YOU?

WAS IT SOMETHING I SAID?

DID I DO SOMETHING?

...NOTHING'S WRONG. I'M NOT MAD.

I ALREADY TOLD YOU...

...

IF YOU DON'T TELL ME, HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON?

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

IF YOU'RE TICKED ABOUT SOMETHING, AT LEAST TELL ME WHY!

IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE A REAL COUPLE.

WHY PRETEND TO GET ALONG WHEN NOBODY'S AROUND?

...

...TO QUIT ACTING LIKE WE'RE PALS.

I ALSO TOLD YOU...

I DON'T GET IT.

...

ANY-WAY. SEE YA.

...

OH! ICHIJO...

I...

...WORRIED ABOUT YOU.

I WAS JUST...

SORRY. I'M COMING.

WHERE'VE YOU BEEN? THE RE-HEARSAL'S ABOUT TO START.

...HE SEEMS SO DOWN?

IS THAT WHY...

LOOKS LIKE THOSE TWO...

...ARE STILL FIGHTING.

...I WONDER WHY HE HAD THAT PHOTO?

STILL...

I'VE GOT TO QUIT AGONIZING OVER THAT!

NO. DON'T THINK ABOUT IT!

SHAKA ﾌﾞﾝ

SHAKA ﾌﾞﾝ

GASP

...REALLY FEEL ABOUT CHITOGE?

HOW DOES ICHIJO...

Staff Room

OH! THANK YOU!

HERE. I HAVE EVERY-ONE'S ASSIGN-MENTS.

HRLE?

I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU PERFORM.

I'M SURE YOU'LL BE GREAT.

SHFF

ｶﾞﾗｯ

OH. THANKS.

SO, YOU'RE GOING TO PLAY JULIET, ONODERA?

UH... HA HA...

THAT WAS A SURPRISE! IT'S SO UNLIKE YOU!

SEE...

...YOU'RE IN IT!

HUH?

REMEMBER?

IT'S FROM OUTDOOR SCHOOL LAST SEMESTER...

THAT PHOTO...

SENSEI...

HMM? OH, THIS?

HE DIDN'T WANT ME TO TELL YOU THAT.

OOPS!

YOU MEAN, ICHIJO...

LET'S KEEP THIS A SECRET, OKAY, ONO-DERA?

DON'T WORRY. I DON'T THINK ANYONE ELSE SAW IT.

He's surprisingly gentlmanly, don't you think?

ICHIJO NOTICED AND WAS KIND ENOUGH TO BRING IT TO MY ATTENTION.

I ACCIDENTALLY PUT UP THIS PICTURE OF YOU CHANGING.

I TOTALLY HAD THE WRONG IDEA...

HE TOOK THAT PICTURE TO THE TEACHER SO I WOULDN'T BE EMBARRASSED.

I HAD NO IDEA.

KCHAM

ﾊﾟﾀｰﾝ...

Biggest role in grade school play

Tree B

THEY HAVE A POINT. CAN I REALLY PULL OFF THE HERO'S PART?

ARGH! I'M REALLY IN NO MOOD FOR THIS.

HEY, ICHIJO. YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN PULL OFF THE LEAD ROLE?

NO WAY, GUYS! NICE TRY!

JUST SAY THE WORD IF YOU NEED SOMEONE TO STEP IN!

I HAVE ONODERA TO THINK ABOUT. I CAN'T SCREW THIS UP!

TIME TO FLIP THE SWITCH AND FOCUS ON THE HERE AND NOW.

GAH! WHO CARES? FORGET HER!

GRR

ムカ!

QUIT ACTING LIKE WE'RE PALS.

I LOVE YOU, AND ONLY YOU!!

OH, JULIET!

I'VE GOT TO PUT MY HEART AND SOUL INTO THIS!

HUH?

BLUSH ?,?,?

?,?,?... BLUSH !!

?
?
?

WHAT?

OH...
UH...
R-RIGHT!
S-SORRY!!

UM,
ONODERA?

YOUR
LINE IS,
"AS I DO
YOU, MY
ROMEO..."

AH
あ
HA
は
HA
は
HA
は
HA
は

I'M TOTALLY NERVOUS AROUND HIM!

SHOOT.

NOW THAT I KNOW THE WHOLE PHOTO THING WAS A MISUNDER-STANDING...

I'M SUCH ...

...A MORON.

o and Juliet

Script

OMG OMG OMG!
OMG...
Ichijo saw that photo of me changing?
Does this mean...

WITH THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL JUST AROUND THE CORNER...

CHATTER ガヤ

CHATTER ガヤ

1-C

...REHEARSALS FOR THE PLAY WERE IN FULL SWING.

ONE MORE TIME FROM THE TOP!

OKAY!

I ONLY HAVE EYES FOR YOU!!

OH, JULIET!!

LET US BE WED AT ONCE!

OH, BLISS!

AS I DO YOU, DEAR ROMEO!

INTER-RUPT?

PERISH THE THOUGHT!

HOW MANY TIMES ARE YOU GONNA INTERRUPT?!

ARGH! CUT IT OUT, TACHI-BANA!

CLAP

AND... CUT!

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...BECAUSE THEIR FAMILIES ARE IN CONFLICT!

IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE A TRAGEDY ABOUT TWO STAR-CROSSED LOVERS WHO CAN'T BE TOGETHER...

BESIDES, THOSE AREN'T EVEN THE LINES!

That Marika, whatta cutie!

I NEED TO REHEARSE TOO!

I *AM* THE UNDERSTUDY FOR JULIET, YOU KNOW!

YEAH, BUT QUIT CUTTING IN WHEN ONODERA'S REHEARSING, WILL YOU?

Boo! Boo!

Ichi'o, you lucky dog!

What?! No way!!

How am I supposed to respond?!

QUIT TALKING ABOUT THAT IN FRONT OF EVERYONE, WILL YOU?!

OUR FAMILIES HAVE BOTH APPROVED OUR UNION, SO IT'S UP TO YOU NOW, MY SWEET LOVE...

BUT FEAR NOT!

WHY, IT'S JUST LIKE YOU AND I, RAKU DEAREST!

SHE'S NOT EVEN PLAYING THE PART OF JULIET!

AFTER ALL...

At least I'm the understudy!

WHAT DOES SHE HAVE TO DO WITH IT?

OH...

THAT'S MY MISTRESS'S BOYFRIEND YOU'RE TALKING TO...

BACK OFF, TRAMP!

AS ONODERA AND I RE-HEARSED FOR THE PLAY...

CHITOGE AND I...

So now we just need...

YEAH.

GRR...

KIRISAKI SEEMS KINDA DOWN IN THE DUMPS LATELY, DON'T YOU THINK?

I WAS TOTALLY SHOCKED SHE DIDN'T WANT TO PLAY JULIET!

...SINCE OUR FIGHT THE OTHER DAY.

...HADN'T SPOKEN A WORD...

NO. I'VE GOTTA STOP THINKING ABOUT IT.

HUH?

GOTTA FOCUS ON THE PLAY.

I NEVER KNOW WHAT SHE'S THINKING!

SHEESH!

WHAT'S HER DEAL, ANYWAY?

GOTTA FOCUS...!

F- FOCUS ...

RRMBB

GOGOGOGOGOGO

RRMMBBB

HRF?!

GATHER 'ROUND, EVERYBODY!

OKAY, THAT WRAPS IT UP FOR TODAY'S REHEARSAL!

THE MOMENT WE'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR... COSTUME TIME!!

OH, NOT JUST ANY ANNOUNCE-MENT, MY FRIEND. THIS IS BIG.

GOT AN ANNOUNCE-MENT?

WHAT'S UP, SHU?

HUH?

What's going on?

HUDDLE

HUDDLE

ABSOLUTELY. BY OUR VERY OWN ARTS AND CRAFTS CLUB.

COORDINATED BY YOURS TRULY, I MIGHT ADD.

WOW!! THIS IS AMAZING!!

THESE WERE HAND-MADE?!

TA-DAA!!

WOW. THESE ARE REALLY IMPRESSIVE!

High school students really made these?

WHEN I PRODUCE A PLAY, I DON'T MESS AROUND, KIDS!

...AND ARRANGED FOR THE STAGE, SETS, CURTAINS, LIGHTING, AND OTHER NECESSARY ACCOUTRE-MENTS!

I'VE ALSO LEVERAGED MY EXTENSIVE NETWORK OF CONTACTS ...

YOUR EXTENSIVE NETWORK?!

BUTTON ボタン

POP!!

DONK

SKWEEEEEE...

DIDN'T THEY TAKE HER MEASURE-MENTS?

HOW COME?

TSUGUMI'S COSTUME'S TOO TIGHT IN THE CHEST...

WHAT NOW?

What does that girl eat?!

DON'T TELL ME SHE GREW SINCE THEN?!

GIRLS CHANGING AREA BOYS KEEP OUT!!

OOO?

キャー TEE-HEE!

Whoa! They're really humongous!

キャー OOH!

Eek! Stop that, please!

キャー WOW!

What's going on back there?

PLEASE LOWER YOUR VOICE!!

Get more fabric!

Yes, ma'am!

WAY MORE ROOM IN THE BOOB AREA, LADIES!

WE'VE GOTTA ALTER HER BODICE!

WELL, THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO!

SHFF

I WON-DER WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE...

ONO-DERA'S COSTUME ...?!

!!

THE DRESS IS CUT FOR ONO-DERA!

YOU'RE JUST AN UNDER-STUDY.

GIRL CHANGING BOYS KEEP

HOW COME I DON'T HAVE A COSTUME?

WAAAH!

...

ICHIJO...

!

FLUTTER

ヒラ…

OH MY... SHE'S SO CUTE!!

SHE LOOKS AMAZING!!

SHE'S... GORGEOUS!!

HE REALLY DOES.

LUB DUB ドキ LUB DUB ドキ...

YES...

YOU LOOK VERY HAND-SOME.

YOURS LOOKS GOOD ON YOU, TOO.

DROOL

REAL-LY?!

HA HA... I DO?

Y-YES! I MEAN...IT LOOKS REALLY GOOD ON YOU.

HA HA... THANKS.

ER... DO I LOOK OKAY?

...

HER COSTUME'S REALLY AMAZING TOO.

THEY DID AN AWE-SOME JOB.

...BUT NOW THAT I'M DOING IT WITH ONODERA, I'M TOTALLY STOKED ABOUT IT!

AT FIRST I TOTALLY DIDN'T WANT TO BE IN THIS PLAY...

?

WOW...THIS IS SUPER EXCITING!!

WHAT AM I, NUTS?!

SHE'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS!!

WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?! WHY AM I EVEN THINKING ABOUT THAT?!

HUH?!

SHAKA ブン...

SHAKA ブン...

I WONDER...

...WHAT CHITOGE I WOULD LOOK LIKE...

...

WAIT A SEC. WHY AM I HIDING?!

SHOOP

NO WAY!

AH HA HA...

SO THEN SHE...

JOLT

SHE'S THE ONE WHO'S BEEN ACTING WEIRD!

ARGH! I'VE GOTTA PLAY IT COOL!

WHAP
パシッ
WHAP
パシッ
RRMMBBB
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I'M DONE PRE-TENDING.

I CAN'T DO IT ANYMORE.

...

...

NO.

...BUT AT LEAST WHEN THEY'RE WATCH-ING...

I KNOW YOU'RE PISSED AT ME...

MY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN WORRIED THAT WE HAVEN'T BEEN HANGING OUT TOO.

AND IF THAT HAP-PENS...

IF OUR FAMILIES FIND OUT WE AREN'T TOGETHER, THEY'LL START WAGING WAR AGAIN!

SHUT UP!! I SAID I DON'T WANT TO DO IT ANYMORE!

THIS ISN'T JUST ABOUT YOU AND ME, REMEM-BER?!

QUIT BEING SO STUBBORN!!

YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING!!

...OR HANG OUT WITH YOU.

I DON'T WANT TO TALK WITH YOU...

I JUST DON'T WANT TO BE AROUND YOU.

I JUST...

WHY ARE YOU BEING LIKE THIS?

...

YES.

...

IS THAT WHY YOU REFUSED TO PLAY JULIET?

...

PRE-TENDING TO BE IN LOVE?

PLAYING LOVERS?

WHEN WE DON'T EVEN LIKE EACH OTHER?

I'D RATHER DIE THAN PLAY ROMEO AND JULIET WITH YOU!

I DIDN'T WANT THAT.

...WE WOULD'VE HAD THE LEAD ROLES TOGETHER.

IF I'D ACCEPTED THE PART...

THAT'S WHY I SAID NO.

HUH?

I DON'T WANT TO HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH YOU!!

...ABOUT OUR FAMILIES AND THEIR PROB-LEMS!

I DON'T CARE ANY-MORE...

IS THAT...

...HOW SHE REALLY FEELS ABOUT ME?

I...

ISN'T THAT KIND OF UNCALLED FOR?

YOU'D RATHER DIE?!

"WE DON'T EVEN LIKE EACH OTHER"?

WHERE DID THAT COME FROM?!

...SOME SORT OF CONNECTION...

...BETWEEN US.

...I FELT LIKE THERE WAS AT LEAST...

WHEN WE WERE PRETENDING TO BE A COUPLE, AND WE FOUND OUT WE'D KNOWN EACH OTHER AS KIDS...

I THOUGHT...

THERE'S NEVER BEEN ANYTHING BETWEEN US.

I GET IT. WE DON'T EVEN LIKE EACH OTHER.

OH. IS THAT SO?

ギュ...

CLENCH

IT SEEMED LIKE RECENTLY...

...SHE FELT THAT WAY TOO.

THE WHOLE THING WAS TOTALLY FAKE.

THERE WERE NO GOOD TIMES AT ALL.

WE NEVER GOT ALONG EVEN A TINY BIT.

WE NEVER HAD ANY FUN TOGETHER AT ALL.

I MEAN, LOOK AT US NOW. I CAN'T IMAGINE WE GOT ALONG BACK THEN EITHER!

ONE THING'S FOR SURE. WE DEFINITELY NEVER PROMISED WE'D BE TOGETHER ONE DAY.

MY DAD MUST'VE GOTTEN IT ALL WRONG.

THOSE MEMORIES FROM WHEN WERE KIDS, TOO...

!!

WE'LL JUST EXPLAIN HOW IT IS TO OUR DADS. I'M SURE THEY'LL UNDERSTAND...

NOBODY FORCED US TO DO IT IN THE FIRST PLACE.

...THIS WHOLE FALSE COUPLE THING.

LET'S JUST FORGET ABOUT...

SLAP

Huh ?

Huh?

ITL...
SWSH

ICHIJO?

ICHI...

I, DON'T GET IT.

SORRY, ONO-DERA...

LATER, OKAY?

BUT...

IT HURTS WAY MORE...

...TO BE SLAPPED.

HONEST-LY...

BUT FOR SOME REASON ...

DAMN.

...I SHOULD BE USED TO GETTING PUNCHED BY THAT GIRL BY NOW.

TUNK

...ME.

STUPID ...

STUPID BEAN SPROUT!

STUPID ...

STUPID ...

STUPID ...

FWAM

!!

...WISH ...

I...

AND THINGS DIDN'T GET ANY BETTER BETWEEN US...

THE TIME LEADING UP TO THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL FLEW BY.

...ARRIVED.

ポン SHOO-PAH

CHATTER ガヤ

CHATTER ガヤ

WELCOME DAZED HIGH SCHOOL FESTIVAL

CHATTER ガヤ

ポン SHOO-PAH

CHATTER ガヤ

...THE DAY OF THE FESTI-VAL...

Go, Arts and Crafts Club!
Yaaaa-aaay!!
HOORAY!

2-B Live Concert

YEAH!

WE'RE GONNA BE GREAT!

OH, MAN! I'M GETTING NERVOUS!

SO, AFTER THIS, CLASS 1-B IS DOING A COMEDY ACT, AND THEN WE'RE ON!

WELL, ICHIJO, THIS IS IT!

...

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...SINCE OUR FIGHT THE OTHER DAY.

KIRISAKI AND I HAVEN'T SPOKEN A WORD...

DON'T WORRY. WE'LL BE FINE.

YOU TOO.

GOOD LUCK OUT THERE.

I STILL DON'T KNOW WHY SHE SLAPPED ME.

WHAT WAS I SUPPOSED TO DO?

I'VE GOTTA STOP THINKING ABOUT IT.

SHE GETS MAD AT ME NO MATTER WHAT!

GOTTA FOCUS ON THE PLAY RIGHT NOW!

IS CHITOGE EVEN...

...COMING TO THE PLAY?

I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED WITH HIM AND CHITOGE?

WHEN I ASK ICHIJO...

...WHAT HAPPENED THE OTHER DAY, HE DOESN'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT.

HEY KIRISAKI!

OH!

...I'D BETTER GO NOW.

吹奏楽部

THE GYM'S FILLING UP. IF I WANT TO SEE THE PLAY...

野球

OUR CLASS GOES ON AT 1:00.

書道部

We'll buy ya lunch!

JUST UNTIL 3:00!

...WOULD YOU MIND GIVING US A HAND?

IF YOU'RE NOT TOO BUSY RIGHT NOW...

WE'RE IN 1-B, THE CLASS NEXT DOOR. THE THING IS, WE'RE SUPER SHORTHANDED!

EXCUSE US...

お好み焼き

メイド

小麦粉 5kg

ザワザワ CHATTER CHATTER CHATTER

OKAY.

...

ドキ! LUB DUB

!!

ガヤガヤ CHATTER CHATTER CHATTER

SHUP

そっ....

HURRY UP! WE'VE GOT TO GET READY!

GAWD, I'M GETTING SO NERVOUS!

YIKES! WE GO ON IN AN HOUR!!

I'VE NEVER PER-FORMED IN FRONT OF SO MANY PEOPLE!

GEEZ. NOW I'M REALLY NERVOUS!

BUT...

I CAN DO THIS!

IT'S OKAY. WE PRACTICED AND PRACTICED OUR LINES. WE'RE GOING TO BE FINE!!

AFTER ALL, I'LL BE WITH ICHIJO!

JUST ONE LAST PEEK AT THE SCRIPT...

IN A MINUTE. ONE MORE...

YO, SHOULDN'T YOU GET DOWN FROM THERE?

SHOOF

WAAH!

ACK!

CHATTER
ザワ
CHATTER
ザワ..

ONO-DERA, I'M SO SORRY!

I'M SO SORRY!

ARE YOU OKAY?!

what was that?

WHAT HAP-PENED?!

ONODERA?!

ooo!

...SHE...

BUT NOW SHE...

SOB

ヒック...

I...

I FELL OFF THE LADDER AND ONODERA CAUGHT ME.

ONO-DERA...

...

I'M SORRY, BUT YOU CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS.

AT LEAST THE BONE'S NOT BROKEN.

YUP. LOOKS LIKE YOU SPRAINED IT.

...

OW!

Waaaah!

I wanna go to the school festival!

BUT SHE'S HOME SICK TODAY!

YES.

TACHI-BANA WAS HER UNDER-STUDY, RIGHT?

YOU REALLY NEED TO STAY OFF THAT ANKLE!

YOU CAN'T! YOU CAN BARELY WALK!

I'LL DO IT!

TEACH-ER..

THIS ISN'T GOOD.

...

RIGHT!
NOW, GO!
THE REST OF YOU, GET READY!
I'LL TRY TO COME UP WITH SOME-THING.
HEY ROMEO!
HUH?!
DUB
LUB
TAKE CARE OF YOUR JULIET, WILL YOU? Don't let her go overboard!
YEAH.
ONO-DERA, ARE YOU OKAY?
...
Cancel.
Dude, what? this play? What is bad!
are we gonna do?
PANIC
PANIC
I GUESS SHE REALLY WANTED TO BE JULIET.
SHE EVEN PRACTICED A BUNCH AT HOME.
AND I WANTED TO BE HER ROMEO.
SHE WORKED SO HARD REHEARSING.
I MEAN, OF COURSE SHE IS.
OH MAN, SHE'S SUPER DISAPPOINTED.

IF ONLY THERE WAS SOMETHING I COULD DO.

I FEEL AWFUL.

HUH?

WHAT IF THEY HAVE TO CANCEL THE PLAY...

...AFTER ALL THE WORK EVERYBODY'S PUT IN?

LIKE, THESE COSTUMES.

SKWEE

EVERYONE WORKED SO HARD ON THEM.

I'LL FEEL SO BAD...

...IF THEY HAVE TO CANCEL EVERYTHING BECAUSE OF ME!

I DON'T WANT EVERYONE'S HARD WORK TO BE WASTED!

EVEN AT A TIME LIKE THIS...

...ONODERA ISN'T WORRIED ABOUT HERSELF. SHE'S THINKING ABOUT EVERYONE ELSE.

AND I...

...

I'M SUCH A JERK.

I WON'T LET THEM CANCEL IT!

...

OF COURSE IT ISN'T YOUR FAULT!

SHOOM

11 12 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

カ、4… TIK…

コ、4… TIK…

IT'S ALMOST TIME TO GO ON!

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

?!

UH, ICHIJO?

HOW DID THINGS END UP LIKE THIS?

WHAT AM I DOING?

YO! YOU'RE BURNING THE...

SIIIIZZLE ジュウウウ..

I CAN'T SEEM TO BE MYSELF AROUND HIM.

WHEN-EVER I SEE HIS FACE, I FEEL SO WEIRD.

THE PLAY STARTS IN 30 MINUTES.

BLOOP

CREPES

Chocolate Banana Crepe
Strawberry Jam Crepe
Ham & Lettuce Crepe
NOW ON SALE

HEY KIRISAKI !!

I GUESS I'M GOING TO MISS THE PERFORMANCE.

...DO YOU THINK IT WOULD WORK OUT?

IF WE WERE ACTUALLY BOYFRIEND AND GIRL-FRIEND...

...TO ASK HIM THAT QUESTION?

WHAT POSSESSED ME...

WE'D FIGHT ALL THE TIME, JUST LIKE WE DO NOW.

YOU'RE LOUD-MOUTHED AND VIOLENT...

FOR ONE THING, YOU'RE TOTALLY NOT MY TYPE!

WHAT ARE YOU, CRAZY?

OF COURSE IT WOULDN'T.

HE ALREADY TOTALLY ...

...HATES MY GUTS.

ANYWAY ...

...IT DOESN'T MATTER NOW.

AFTER ALL, WE'RE TOTALLY OPPOSITES.

OF COURSE. THERE'S NO WAY IT WOULD WORK OUT.

OUR WHOLE RELATIONSHIP IS JUST AN ACT...

SHP

...IT'LL ALL BE OVER.

PRETTY SOON...

THERE YOU ARE!

...

WHAT?

WOULD YOU PLEASE SUB FOR ONODERA AS JULIET?

I NEED A FAVOR.

HAHH!?...

I DON'T UNDER-STAND!

WHAT'S GOING ON? WHAT HAPPENED TO ONODERA?

WAIT!

HAHH!?...

HAHH!?...

FWOOSH!!

!

TACHIBANA'S SICK, AND WE MIGHT HAVE TO CANCEL THE PLAY UNLESS WE FIND A REPLACEMENT.

ONODERA SPRAINED HER ANKLE.

W-WHY ME?!

THERE'S NO OTHER OPTION !!

I DON'T EVEN KNOW ANY OF THE LINES!!

HOW COULD I?!

O

...

WHAT ?!

YOU'RE THE ONLY PERSON I CAN THINK OF...

...WHO CAN PLAY JULIET.

I FEEL LIKE...

...THE TWO OF US COULD PULL THIS OFF.

I KNOW YOU'RE MAD AT ME.

...

BUT...

...

PLEASE ... HELP ME OUT.

...BUT TOGETHER, I THINK WE COULD DO A FAIR JOB OF AD-LIBBING.

YOU DON'T HAVE TIME TO LEARN THE LINES...

THE TWO OF US PRETENDED TO BE IN LOVE ALL THIS TIME, RIGHT?

...

...THAT'S CRAZY.

YOU DON'T REALLY WANT TO DO THIS WITH ME, DO YOU?

BESIDES...

YOU TOTALLY HATE ME!

BE HONEST!

...THAT YOU AND I...

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SAID...

...ARE TERRIBLE TOGETHER.

...AT THE BEACH THAT DAY...

AFTER WHAT YOU SAID...

HUH?

...HAS SHE BEEN FEELING BAD ABOUT WHAT I SAID?

THIS ENTIRE TIME...

COULD IT BE?

WAIT A SEC.

THAT'S WHY SHE'S BEEN SO UPSET ALL THIS TIME.

CLEARLY, I REALLY HURT HER FEELINGS.

NO. THIS IS DIFFERENT.

...WE ALWAYS KID EACH OTHER AND BICKER AND STUFF!

I MEAN...

BUT I DIDN'T MEAN IT LIKE THAT.

HONESTLY, I STILL DON'T ENTIRELY UNDER-STAND...

I DIDN'T REALIZE YOU TOOK THAT STUFF I SAID SO SERIOUSLY.

I'M SORRY.

...

I DON'T HATE YOU.

BUT...

I MEANT ALL THAT STUFF.

IF WE REALLY WERE DATING, I'M SURE WE'D FIGHT ALL THE TIME.

YOU'RE LOUD-MOUTHED AND VIOLENT AND YOU NEVER ACT SWEET.

YOU'RE TOTALLY NOT MY TYPE.

I WON'T LIE TO YOU.

...

...I DON'T LIKE YOU.

THAT DOESN'T MEAN...

YOU DON'T... ...HATE ME, HUH?

...

I SEE.

...

OH.

OKAY ROMEO...

...LET'S KNOCK 'EM DEAD!

WHAP

HH?..!!

JOLT

HEH HEH. WELL, YEAH.

YOU'RE GOING TO PLAY JULIET?

ヒョコ… WOBBLE

CHI-TOGE?

I FOUND A NEW JULIET!

HEY EVERY-BODY!!

GASP

KCHAM

ギャー BICKER

ギャー BICKER

?!

STARE ポカ…

I DID NOT!!

How could I refuse?

I MEAN, WHEN RAKU CAME TO ME GROVELING AND CRYING AND BEGGING...

WHAT ABOUT HER LINES?!

WHAT?

YOU FOUND A NEW JULIET?

DON'T WORRY. JUST GET EVERY-THING READY!!

KIRISAKI'S GOING TO DO IT!

OKAY! BUT WAIT!!

THERE'S NO TIME TO LEARN ALL THE LINES! JUST TRY TO GET THE IMPORTANT PARTS!

LEMME SEE THAT SCRIPT! I'LL LEARN AS MUCH AS I CAN!!

OKAY! IF WE'RE GOING TO DO THIS, LET'S GET TO WORK!!

FLAP FLAP

ガオー RRROAR

...

IS THIS REALLY GOING TO WORK?

YO, ARE THOSE TWO FIGHTING AGAIN?!

SHUT UP! IT'S NOT LIKE I HAD A LOT OF PREP TIME!

YOU KEEP SCREWING UP HERE! GET IT RIGHT!

KIRISAKI !!

QUIT HASSLING ME, JERK-FACE!!

BICKER ギャー

BICKER

WHAT ?!

おいの CHATTER

おいの CHATTER

...

GOOD.

WE'RE ON IN 10 MINUTES, PEOPLE!

JULIET, GET YOUR COSTUME ON!!

...

HUH?

EVERY-THING'S FINE.

...ARE FINALLY BACK TO NORMAL.

FWAP

RIGHT!

THOSE TWO...

HERE GOES NOTH-ING!

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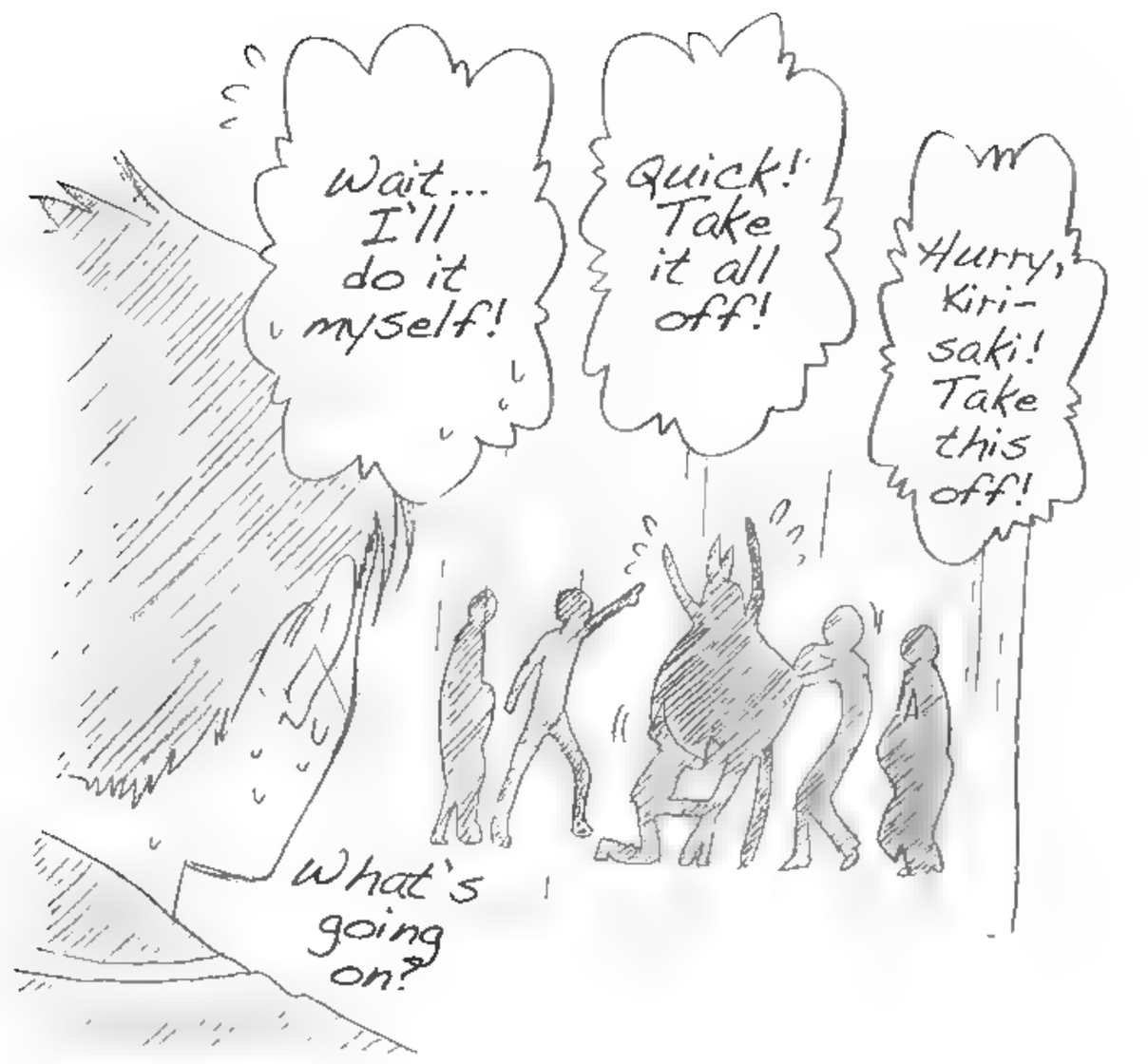
Wait... I'll do it myself!
Quick! Take it all off!
Hurry, Kirisaki! Take this off!
What's going on?

SHFF

NO...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO CALL...

THE TRUTH IS, I DO KNOW.

FIVE MINUTES 'TIL SHOWTIME!

DON'T LOOK AT ME!

SHE'S GET-TING READY!

We go on in five!

HEY! JULIET'S STILL NOT READY ?

...THESE FEELINGS.

WE'RE ABOUT TO GO ON!

HEY, WAKE UP, SPACE CASE!

OH, RIGHT...

HUH?

Made it...

クスッ HA...

S-S-SORRY! FORCE OF HABIT... OOPS!

DON'T BE MAD!

GLARE

ギロ…

I'M OKAY. I'VE GOT THE IMPORTANT PARTS DOWN.

YOU OKAY?

YOU KNOW YOUR LINES? NOT TOO NERVOUS?

YOU'RE A FAST LEARNER FOR A GORILLA!

WOW!

FOR YOUR VIEWING PLEASURE, CLASS 1-C WILL NOW PRESENT...

LADIES AND GENTLE-MEN, IT'S THE MOMENT YOU'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR!

BREEEP

IT'S TIME TO START!

SHALL WE?

CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP

...COME FROM?

ROMEO AND JULIET!

WHERE DID THAT SMILE...

THIS IS SO WEIRD.

THE ILL-FATED LOVE OF ROMEO AND JULIET...

...TORN APART BY THE BITTER RIVALRY OF THEIR FEUDING FAMILIES...

...MONTAGUE AND CAPULET.

CLAP

THE DRAMA WE ARE ABOUT TO PRESENT ...

...IS A TRAGIC LOVE STORY.

FOR THE LONGEST TIME, ALL I EVER SAW HER DO WAS FROWN.

IF ONLY THEY COULD REACH OUT TO EACH OTHER...

...AS HAVE WE, DEAR ROMEO.

WHSH

O, ROMEO ...

WHY DO OUR FAMILIES QUARREL SO?

WOW.

SHE BARELY HAD TIME TO LOOK AT THE SCRIPT.

I'M IMPRESSED...

WHISPER

Who's that girl playing Juliet?

Pretty...

I HAVE NO DOUBT ...

IF ONLY THEY COULD FATHOM ONE HALF OF MY LOVE FOR YOU, DEAR ROMEO...

ドン!!

KA FWUMP

WHAT WAS MY NEXT LINE, ROMEO DEAR?

UH...

It's pretty funny

Is this a comedy?

Uh, what's going on?!

AH HA HA HA HA HA HA

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ドッ!!

DON'T DISS THE SCRIPT!

WELL, SHEESH! YOU CAN'T EXPECT ME TO REMEMBER THAT WHOLE RIDICULOUS SCRIPT!

JULIET, GET IT TO-GETHER!

THIS IS AN IMPOR-TANT SCENE!

WUMP!!

AH HA HA HA HA HA HA

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ドキッ!!

LUB DUB

ACK!

ALRIGHT, YOUNG MASTER!

BRAVO, YOUNG MIS-TRESS!

Maybe this works!

HEY... THEY'RE LAUGHING!

HA HA HA HA

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HA HA HA

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SHUEI-GUMI

We're getting it all on video!

Way to go, Young Master!!

わいの YAP

わいの YAP

BEEHIVE

Wow! She's playing the lead!!

Hey! I thought the Mistress said she wasn't in the play!

わいの YAPPA

わいの YAPPA

ARGH! I TOLD THEM NOT TO COME...

I should have known...

はは HA HA HA

HA HA HA HA

はははは

JULIET WOULD NOT SAY THAT!!

SURE! BRING IT ON, DUDE!

KRASH

I KNOW YOU'RE NERVOUS... SO LET'S JUST TAKE IT FROM THE TOP, OKAY?

O-OKAY, JULIET...

YIKES! WE REALLY CAN'T SCREW THIS UP!

BWA HA HA HA HA HA HA

...ROMEO SLIPS AWAY TO RENDEZVOUS WITH JULIET.

IGNORING HIS SERVANT'S WARNINGS TO DESIST...

MASTER, ARE YOU REALLY GOING?

THEY LIKE IT!!

NOW WE'RE COOKIN', BABY!!

あはははは... AH HA HA HA ...

GOOD LUCK, YOU TWO.

SHE AWAITS ME ON HER BALCONY!

I MUST SEE MY BELOVED!

THE DANGER MATTERS NOT!

Tsugumi

BUT THE CAPULETS WISH YOU DEAD, MASTER!

...BUT HIS SERVANT HAS MADE A DECISION OF HER OWN!

ROMEO RE-FUSES TO BE DE-TERRED ...

HUH?

Mwa ha ha

...SHE RESOLVES TO DECLARE HER LOVE!

FEARING THAT SHE MIGHT NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN...

WHAT?!

?!

UN-BEKNOWNST TO ROMEO, HIS SERVANT HARBORS SECRET FEELINGS FOR HER MASTER!

SHU, YOU JERK ...

THAT'S NOT IN THE SCRIPT !!

HEY !

HUSH

Is this a prank ?!

What's going on?

ACK!

HEY...

I'LL GET YOU FOR THIS, SHU!!

UH, TSUGUMI?

RRRRMMB

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...

L-L-L...

O, ROMEO... TO TELL THE TRUTH...

ER... I...

FOR SOME TIME NOW...I'VE...

CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP

Bravo!

A ROUND OF AP-PLAUSE FOR THE VALIANT SERVANT!

ROMEO RESUMES HIS JOURNEY TO JULIET'S SIDE!

Where is he?! Lemme at him!!

SHU, YOU TROUBLE-MAKER, YOU...

OH, DEAR! MISSION ABORTED!

WHAP

GAH!

FORGET IT, YOU IDIOT!!

THE BASHFUL SERVANT IS UNABLE TO DECLARE HER LOVE!

What?!

AH HA-HA HA あはは は

HA-HA HA HA HA HA は はははは

WAIT, DEAREST ROMEO!!

HUH?

MY NAME IS...

I AM MY DARLING ROMEO'S...

WHSH

...UM... JOSEPH-INE!

WHO COULD SHE BE?!

TACHI-BANA ?!

WHAT'S THIS?

HAHH

A MYSTERIOUS WOMAN HAS BURST IN?!

HAS ROMEO BEEN TWO-TIMING JULIET?!

GOOD HEAVENS!

DA DA DUUUM

Hahh

...TRUE LOVE!!

TA DAA!!

...ONE AND ONLY...

KNOCK IT OFF, SHU!!

...IS A FALSE ACT!

IF THE LADY'S WORDS ARE TRUE, ROMEO AND JULIET'S LOVE...

WHAT'S THIS?

Down with Romeo

Booo!!

I CAME RUNNING TO BE HERE WITH YOU, DEAR ROMEO!

TEE HEE ...

What're you doing?!

TACHIBANA? I THOUGHT YOU WERE SICK!

WHEEZE

WHEEZE

WILL ROMEO OWN UP TO HIS OBLIGATIONS?

Boo—!! Boo

Shame on you!!

Romeo, you rat!

Jerk!!

EXACTLY WHAT "THINGS" DID THEY DO?!

IT SEEMS THEIR RELATION-SHIP HAS REACHED A VERY SERIOUS STAGE!

...YOU PROMISED WE'D BE WED. WAS IT ALL JUST LIES?

AFTER THE THINGS WE DID TOGETHER ...

うぅ... BOO-HOO

よよ... PLIP

I BELIEVE THERE'S BEEN A MISUNDER-STANDING ...

ER... JOSEPH-INE?

DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE FOR-GOTTEN!

O, ROMEO ...

YOU KNOW VERY WELL WE CAN'T MARRY!

MY DEAR JOSEPH-INE...

...YOU'RE SUCH A PRANKSTER!

AHH

ぴーン

WOULD EVERYONE QUIT CHANGING THE STORY?!

ARGH!

Tee hee

INDEED, MARRIAGE SEEMS OUT OF THE QUESTION!

YET ANOTHER SHOCKING TWIST!

NICE DODGE, RAKU DEAREST!

FOOEY!

A STARTLING REVELATION! ROMEO AND JOSEPHINE ARE BROTHER AND SISTER?!

...YOU'RE MY SISTER!

AFTER ALL...

HA HA!

...TO HIS SISTER'S FERVENT ADULA-TION?!

HOW WILL ROMEO RESPOND...

WHEEZE ぜ——…

…

WHEEZE ぜ——…

WHAT ON EARTH?!

EVEN SO, JOSEPHINE IS UN-DETERRED !!

LET US BE WED, O ROMEO, MY BELOVED BROTHER!!

BUT WHAT DOES THAT MATTER! LOVE CONQUERS ALL!!

ど——ど——ん!! DU DU DUM!!

CLASP ガシッ!!

OH!

LOATHE WOULD I BE TO EXPOSE MY PRECIOUS INVALID SISTER TO SUCH A PERILOUS EXISTENCE!

O, DEAREST JOSEPH-INE!

THE PATH I MUST WALK IS AWASH WITH THE BLOOD OF TWO FAMILIES!

WORMP つう…

WHEEZE ぜ——…

I TRULY... LOVE... THEE...

O, ROMEO! BELOVED RAKU!!

MY DARLING ROMEO IS CONCERNED FOR MY WELL-BEING.

DEAR ME!

GLISTEN キュン!…!!

ROMEO ONCE AGAIN SETS FORTH TO SEEK JULIET!

A..,...! SHP

SHEESH!

ROMEO HAS EVADED THE SURPRISE ATTACK!

RATTLE RATTLE ガラガラ

Oh, Raku Dearest... you're my hero...

SORRY, TACHI-BANA. I'LL CHECK IN ON YOU LATER!

ROMEO'S INVALID SISTER JOSEPHINE, EXITS STAGE LEFT!

WHOOPS-A DAISY!

おお OOOOH!!!!

I AM JULIET'S OLDER BROTH-ER...

FREDERICH!!

キラーン GLEAM

I CANNOT ALLOW YOU TO SEE JULIET!

HALT, ROMEO!!

WHAT NOW?!

BA DA DUM!!

WHAT'S CLAUDE DOING ON STAGE?!

Yeah!

Ain't that guy from the Beehive?!

Why?!

Claude?!

?!

?!

That idiot.

For crying out loud!

YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG!!

SHING

...!

YOU MANGY CUR!!

ADMIT IT!! YOU'RE A THREE-TIMING SLIME AND A CAD!!

...YOU'LL HAVE TO GET PAST ME!!

KA

IF YOU INSIST ON SEEING HER..

I CAN'T ALLOW A SCOUNDREL LIKE YOU NEAR MY SISTER!!

HIEYAA!

SWSH

BWOOSH!!

YOU STAY OUT OF THIS, JULIET.

QUIT IT, WILL YOU?!

HEY!! ER...BIG BROTHER! WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!

WILL ROMEO REACH JULIET'S SIDE ALIVE?!

YET ANOTHER SUDDEN TURN OF EVENTS, FOLKS!

W-W-W-WAIT!!

VOOSH

ズバババババ

ooo

APPARENTLY, JULIET'S BROTHER SUFFERS FROM A SEVERE "SISTER COMPLEX"!

YAA!!

くわっ!!

JULIET WOULD BE MINE FOREVER!!

IF NOT FOR HIM...

THIS MAN IS DANGEROUS!

HAHH...

HAHH...

HAHH...

SUR-RENDER, ROMEO!

IT'S OVER.

ooo

THWAKK

ULF?!

FACE IT! YOU'RE TOTALLY OUT-MATCHED!!

BWA HA HA HA HA!!

YOU HAVE A WEAPON AND I'M UNARMED!!

NO FAIR!

DANGER

プラン…
DANGLE

THWUK

WHY, YOU DASTARDLY WRETCH!!

ポイ SHOOP
ポイ SHOOP
SHOOP ポイ
ポイ SHOOP

NOT SO FAST, YOU TOAD!!

CHOK
ガシッ
HRF!

THE TEMPESTUOUS BATTLE HAS CAUSED THE CASTLE WALL TO CRUMBLE! SORT OF...

ハリケーン!!!
KRASH

KKRAKKA
KRAKKA
KRAK...

OH, DEAR!!

キャー! うぉー!?
WHOA! AAAHHH!

ﾊﾘﾗﾝ…
SHF

ROMEO !!

…

UNBELIEVABLE!! THE TWO RIVALS ARE BURIED IN THE RUBBLE!

ARE THEY ALL RIGHT?

CLATTER
CLATTER
CLATTER

...BUT I CAN'T KEEP DENYING THEM FOREVER.

YOINK

ガ!!...!!

O, ROMEO, ROMEO!

WHERE-FORE ART THOU ROMEO?

ALL THIS TIME, I'VE BEEN TOO SCARED TO OWN UP TO MY FEELINGS...

NO.

I'M THE ONE WHO'S NUTS.

AND YET...

TIME AND TIME AGAIN...

...THAT I MAY BE FOREVER THINE!

SHP

ガシ...!!

DENY THY FATHER AND REFUSE THY NAME...

...NOTHING WOULD STAND IN THE WAY OF OUR LOVE!

WERE NOT YOU ROMEO, OF THE MONTAGUE CLAN...

YES...

...O DEAREST JULIET!

FROM THIS DAY FORTH, I WILL NO LONGER BE ROMEO...

11P...

HAHH

AND KNOW THAT I AM ALSO THINE.

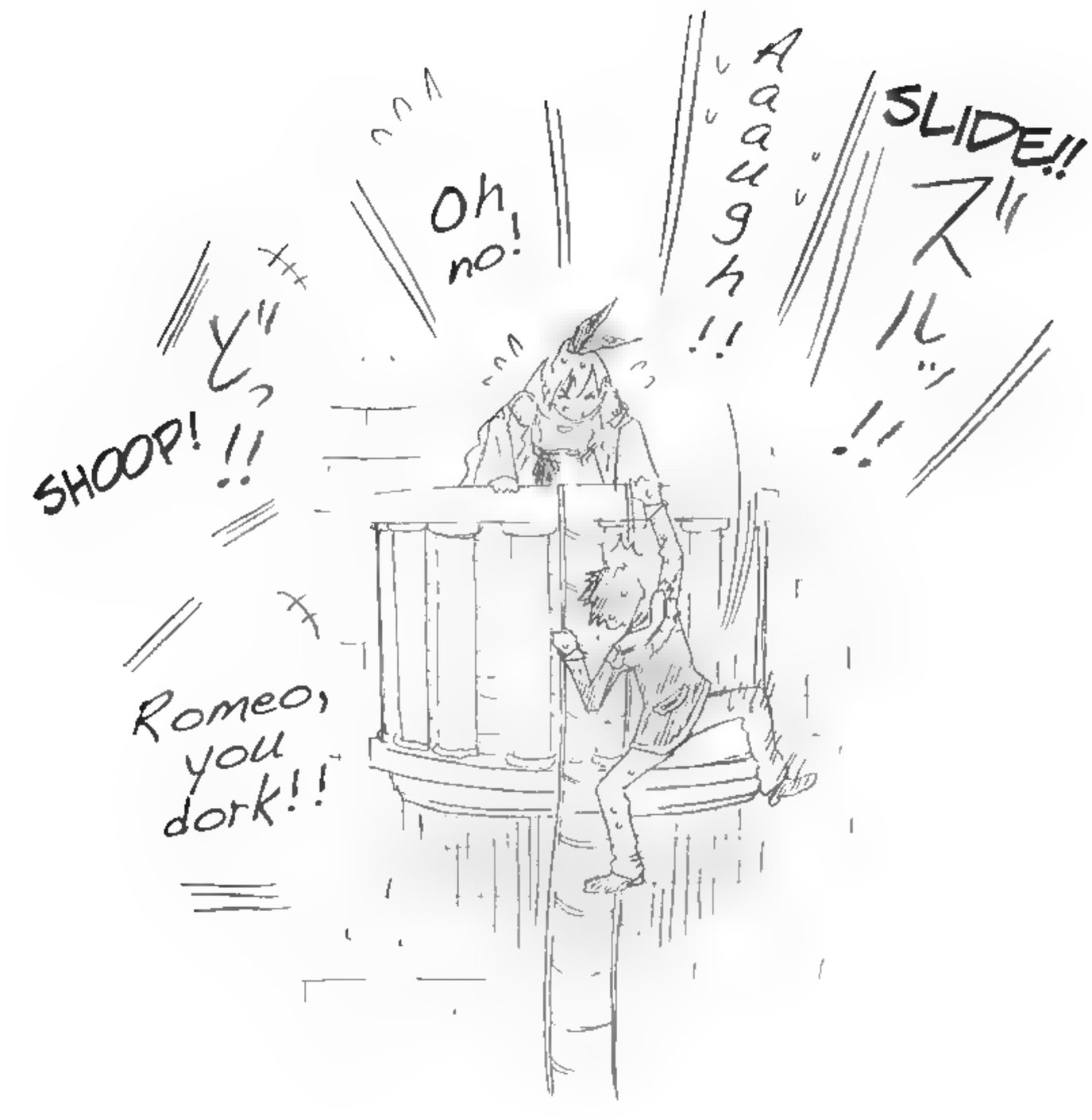
BE MINE, THEN.

...IN LOVE.

I'M...

I LOVE YOU TOO...

...ROMEO.


SHOOP!!
Oh no!
Aaaugh!!
SLIDE!!
Romeo, you dork!!

パチ パチ パチ

ワアアアアアアア…!!

BRAVO!!

CLAP パチ

JET

HOORAY!!

ワアアア

PHEW.

…

BLRF?!

SHP

...

GOOD JOB.

...

GEE, THAT'S ORIGINAL!

ooo

WHST

I GUESS WE PULLED IT OFF...

RIGHT?

PSHF

ポス..

IF YOU DO SAY SO YOURSELF!

IT'S THE KIND OF THING CUTE GIRLS DO!

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO DO THAT.

Thanks for the drink.

OH, I LIKE THIS! KEEP PRAISING ME!

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW HARD I WORKED TO LEARN MINE?!

YOU PRAC-TICALLY LEARNED ALL YOUR LINES!

THAT WAS PRETTY IMPRESSIVE. I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU DID THAT TOTALLY ON THE FLY.

OKAY. YOU WERE GREAT!

YEAH, WE PULLED IT OFF.

THE AUDIENCE LOVED IT!

YOU KNOW, IT'S KIND OF LIKE US...

...ISN'T IT?

HUH?

OF COURSE...

...THE MAIN DIFFERENCE IS THAT WE AREN'T REAL LOVERS.

SO BASICALLY IT'S NOT LIKE US AT ALL!

...

THE CHILDREN OF WHOM...

...ARE LOVERS.

RIVAL FAMILIES...

...

I'M SORRY.

HUH?

ooo

AH HA HA!

SO TRUE!

...FOR ACTING...

...SO WEIRD LATELY.

I'M SORRY...

...

I'LL GO BACK TO HOW I WAS.

...AND SAID ALL THAT MEAN STUFF.

...I'VE BEEN SO COLD...

I'M SORRY...

...I SLAPPED YOU.

AND I'M SORRY...

I WANT TO GO BACK TO THAT.

THE FALSE LOVERS WHO CAN'T STAND EACH OTHER.

TOTAL OPPOSITES IN EVERY WAY.

...HOW WE WERE BEFORE.

I WANT TO GO BACK TO...

...FORGIVE ME?

...CAN YOU...

SO...

HEY, COME ON.

...

IT'S NO BIG DEAL.

WHAT ?!

BEFORE YOU SAID YOU DIDN'T DISLIKE ME...

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SAID WE CAN'T STAND EACH OTHER!!

SINCE WE'RE FALSE LOVERS WHO CAN'T STAND OTHER..

IT'S ONLY NATURAL IF WE FIGHT SOMETIMES, RIGHT?

...

WELL...

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

...DISLIKE ME?

DO YOU ...

Sheeshi

WHERE ARE YOU GOING WITH THIS?!

DID YOU MEAN WHAT YOU SAID?

DO YOU WANT ME TO DISLIKE YOU OR NOT?!

I'm so confused!!

OF COURSE ...

I HATE YOUR GUTS!

...AND I HAVEN'T SEEN MUCH OF THE FESTIVAL YET.

THERE'S STILL TIME...

ANY-WAY...

LUB DUB

LOOK AT HER!

GEEZ!

...

WELL, HECK!

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

IF YOU INSIST, WE COULD HANG OUT TOGETHER.

HEY, LOOK!

IT'S ROMEO AND JULIET!

YEAH!

HONESTLY...

IT'S LIKE THE WAY SHE ACTED BEFORE THE PLAY EVER HAPPENED!

THAT DOESN'T MEAN...

...

...I DON'T LIKE YOU.

WAY TO GO!

IT WAS AWE-SOME!

WE SAW THE PLAY!

HOW COME SHE'S 180 DEGREES DIFFERENT NOW?!

DOES THAT MEAN...

NO problem!

Sorry for running off

WAS SHE UPSET THIS WHOLE TIME BECAUSE SHE THOUGHT I DIDN'T LIKE HER?

CHEERS!

OKAY, EVERY-BODY!

カンパーイ!!!

CHEERS!

DOES EVERYONE HAVE A DRINK?

THERE'S PLENTY OF SNACKS TOO!

EVERYONE SAID OUR CLASS WAS AWESOME !!

WE WERE A SMASH HIT!!

YOU WERE GREAT!!

HEY, IT'S KIRISAKI, THE STAR OF OUR SHOW!

Yeah baby!

REALLY? WAY TO GO!

CLASS D MADE TOO MUCH YAKISOBA NOODLES! THEY GAVE US SOME!!

SHOOP

WE'VE GOT CREPES TOO!

...TO SAVE THE DAY!

BUT LEAVE IT TO OUR MOST FAMOUS LOVE-BIRDS...

I WAS A LITTLE WORRIED THERE FOR A WHILE...

WE WERE SO IM-PRESSED!

HOW'D YOU LEARN YOUR LINES?

SHE HAD BASICALLY NO TIME TO PREPARE!

WASN'T KIRISAKI AMAZING?!

AH! AH! OOH! OOH!

YAP YAP おいおい

THE WHOLE CLASS WAS WORRIED YOU TWO WERE DONE FOR!

I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT LAST WEEK WHEN SHE SLAPPED YOU!

ACK! REALLY?!

YAP おい

YAP おい YAP おい

I GUESS SO.

UH...

SO... DID YOU KISS AND MAKE UP?

...Raku Daaaarling~!

Oooh...

Get well soon Raku

BY THE WAY, IS MARIKA OKAY?

THAT GIRL'S NUTS...

I CHECKED ON HER EARLIER.

Whoa, for real? And Kirisaki's cool with that?

I TOLD EVERYONE YOU'RE INTO GETTING SMACKED AROUND.

DON'T WORRY.

OH, GEE... THANKS FOR COVERING FOR ME, BRO!

SORRY. I HAD TO STEP DOWN AS JULIET.

AH HA HA...

Right before the big show!

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU SPRAINED YOUR ANKLE.

...

?

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU?

DON'T "AH HA HA" ME!

YOUR BIG CHANCE...

EEK! SEISHIRO !!

Hey!

WHAT WAS THE BIG IDEA WITH THAT NARRA-TION?!

OH... THANKS...

I'LL GET YOU ONE.

WHAT ?

YOU WANT A CREPE?

AH-HA! THERE YOU ARE, SHU MAIKO!!

CLATTER ガラ..

PHEW! EVERY-THING'S CLEANED UP!

I HAVE TO GO GET SOME YAKISOBA NOODLES. RIGHT NOW.

OKAY... BUT HOW COME?

HUH ?

WOULD YOU MIND TAKING THIS TO KOSAKI FOR ME?

crepe

YHWACK!

ドォン!!

I'll spice you up, you little...

YHWACK!

Just spicing it up a little, y'know?

ICHIJO ?

HERE... MIYAMOTO ASKED ME TO GIVE THIS TO YOU.

OH!

ICHIJO ?!

RURI!

LUB DUB

ドキッ

ONO-DERA!

Huh? What was that for?!

WHAP!

HUH?

OH... UH... YEAH, I GUESS.

LOOKS LIKE...

...YOU AND KOSAKI MADE UP.

IT'S OKAY.

HOW'S YOUR ANKLE?

IT TOTALLY WASN'T YOUR FAULT.

BESIDES...

...FOR A LONG TIME.

I WOULD HAVE FELT BAD ABOUT TODAY...

IF YOU HADN'T GONE AND CONVINCED CHITOGE TO FILL IN...

THANK YOU, ICHIJO.

FOR WHAT?

WELL... ...

YOU KNOW... FOR WANTING TO PLAY JULIET.

WHAT?

WAS THERE ANY SPECIAL REASON?

AH HA HA...

YEAH. I DID.

YOU REALLY WANTED TO PLAY JULIET, RIGHT?

...I REALLY WANTED TO PLAY JULIET...

THE TRUTH IS...

...IT WOULD BE SOMETHING SPECIAL I WOULD ALWAYS REMEMBER.

...BECAUSE I FELT LIKE...

I GUESS... ...

I MEAN, IT'S KIND OF PERSONAL, BUT...

ACTUALLY ...

OOO?

...!

WOW...

...IF YOU WOULDN'T MIND...

ONO-DERA... ...!!

ALIGH! WHAT I'M ABOUT TO SAY IS SO CHEESY !!

OOO?

VWAH

OH, WOW!!

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL SUNSET!

I FEEL SILLY, BUT LET'S DO IT!

YEAH...

THERE'S NO ONE AROUND. WE CAN TOTALLY LET LOOSE.

WELL THEN...

EHEM! コホーン...

WELL, I FEEL AWKWARD TOO!

You can do it, Ichi-o!

HEH HEH... THIS IS ALMOST HARDER THAN DOING IT ON STAGE!

...

I know it was my idea and all..

OKAY.

YES.

WHY HAVE THE GODS BEEN SO CRUEL?

HOW I DESPISE EVERYTHING THAT COMES BETWEEN US!

O, BELOVED JULIET...

...AS WE HAVE, DEAR ROMEO...

IF ONLY THEY COULD REACH OUT TO EACH OTHER...

YES.

WHY DO OUR FAMILIES QUARREL SO?

ICHIJO...

I MUST HASTE ...

IT'S NO USE, JULIET. ...

IF ONLY THEY COULD FATHOM ONE HALF OF MY LOVE FOR YOU, SWEET ROMEO...

SURELY...

THANK YOU.

YOU'VE MADE ME...

...SO HAPPY!

IT WAS AUTUMN.

...LET US MEET AGAIN, AT THIS SAME BALCONY!

TOMOR-ROW, AT DUSK...

I MUST BID THEE FAREWELL.

OUR FIRST HIGH SCHOOL FESTIVAL...

UM, ICHIJO? THAT'S NOT THE RIGHT LINE.

HUH?!

WILL YOU AWAIT ME AGAIN HERE?

AT DUSK, AS THE WIND STIRRED THE FALLEN LEAVES...

CHATTER CHATTER

...DREW...

...TO A CLOSE.

THUD ドタ ドタ KRASH

Tsu-gumi! No guns allowed at school!

Freeze, you rat!

Eeek!!
It's the curse of Juliet!
Juliet's dress is missing!!
Oh no!

ぬぼ"——…
ZZZ

チュン…
TWEET

チュン…
TWEET

TWEET チュン…

OH, RIGHT …

TWEET チュン…

ぽ DAZE!

…

チュン…
TWEET

444…
CHIRP

TWEET
TWEET
チュン
チュン…

MMN …

YAWN

…IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE.

I'M…

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TMP

I'M IN LOVE.

I'M LEAVING, TSU-GUMI!

SEE YOU AT SCHOOL!

TAKE CARE!

THEY SAY THAT BEING IN LOVE...

...COMPLETELY CHANGES HOW YOU SEE THE WORLD.

おにゃ…

MFF

…NOT MUCH IS DIFFERENT AT ALL.

BUT IN MY CASE…

YAWN

くあ…

さささっ！

WHSH

GOOD MORNING, UGLY!

WHAT ?!

WHST

ササ…！

SHP

サッ…！

OH.

WERE YOU RAISED IN THE WILD?

COVER YOUR MOUTH WHEN YOU YAWN.

IS THAT ANY WAY TO GREET SOMEONE?!

...

Gives me the chills!

SEEING YOU IN YOUR WINTER UNIFORM REMINDED ME OF THE FIRST TIME WE MET, WHEN YOU KNEED ME...

WELL...

HMM?

WHAT'S UP?

FWSH

...

OH, RIGHT.

YOU LOOK GREAT.

YOUR GIRL-FRIEND'S WEARING A NEW UNIFORM TODAY!

HOW ABOUT A LITTLE COMPLI-MENT?!

UWAM

HRG!! WHAT WAS THAT FOR?!

キャ!!

YOU MEAN LIKE THIS?

WELL ...

I GUESS THERE ARE A FEW DIFFERENCES.

GETTING ALL STOKED OVER A FALSE COMPLIMENT...

WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?

コーン

DING DONG

キーン

AND FEELING MORE ANNOYED THAN EVER AT THE IRRITATING STUFF...

Why's she so mad?

EEP!

RAKU DAR-LING!!

LIKE FEELING ALL FLUTTERY FOR NO GOOD REASON.

RRRR

ゴゴゴ

RMMB

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スリ NUZZLE

スリ NUZZLE

ISN'T IT A LOVELY MORNING !!

...I GUESS THIS IS THE GUY I'VE FALLEN FOR!

...AND FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE...

I'M FINALLY IN LOVE...

I'm... SIGH

HMM...

I WON-DER...

...WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

HUH?

THAT'S RIGHT! WHAT HAPPENS NOW?!

DO I WANT TO TURN OUR FALSE LOVE INTO A REAL ONE?

DOES THIS MEAN I WANT TO DATE HIM?

HMM... I DON'T KNOW...

WHAT HAPPENS...

NOW THAT I KNOW THAT I LIKE HIM...

WAIT A SEC...

...AFTER THIS?

くわっ!!

GASP!!

WE ALREADY DO ALL THAT STUFF!!

GOING OUT ON THE WEEK-ENDS...

STOPPING FOR SNACKS TOGETHER...

WALKING HOME FROM SCHOOL TOGETHER...

WHAT DOES "GOING OUT" MEAN, ANYWAY?

THAT SOUNDS MORE LIKE IT.

BUT SOME-HOW THAT'S STILL NOT QUITE IT.

...MAYBE?

DON'T CALL ME THAT!

ICHIJO, DEAR! OVER HERE!

...IS FOR HIM TO LIKE ME BACK...

ガタ...

CLATTER

SO...

チラ..

GLANCE

I GUESS WHAT I WANT...

KCHING

WAIT...

NOW I'M REALLY GETTING CONFUSED!

WHAT IS IT THAT I ACTUALLY WANT?

ぐるぐる

WHSH

WHSH

HEY, CHITOGE!!

ビク!!

JOLT

OH!

YOU GOT YOUR PENDANT BACK?

YEAH.

I FIGURED I SHOULD TELL THE THREE OF YOU.

I'M GLAD THEY WERE ABLE TO FIX IT!

WELL, THAT'S GOOD!

PHEW!

That old familiar feeling..

OH, MAN...

WHAT A RELIEF!

4× SHING

CHING

OH, RAKU DEAREST!!

ACTU-ALLY...

WELL...

!!

COME ON!

NOW WE'LL FINALLY FIND OUT ABOUT YOUR FIRST LOVE!

WHAT'S THE MATTER?

H-HOLD ON, TACHI-BANA!!

It's me, of course!

HUH?!

LET'S HURRY UP AND TRY MY KEY!!

...

I-I THINK...

WAIT A MINUTE!

COME NOW. I'M SURE EVERYONE'S ANXIOUS TO SETTLE THIS!

WE'LL PROVE ONCE AND FOR ALL THAT I'M THE ONE YOU PROMISED TO MARRY!

...TO RUSH THINGS?

...THERE'S NO NEED...

You know...

MAYBE...

CHITOGE?

...!

WHERE'D THAT COME FROM?

???

BESIDES, IT ALL HAPPENED SO LONG AGO.

WHY NOT TAKE OUR TIME WITH THIS?

WELL...

WHAT'S THE HURRY?

THERE'S NO NEED TO GET SO WORKED UP.

THE OTHER DAY, SHE REALLY WANTED TO FIND OUT!

KOSAKI ?!

I...

I'D KIND OF LIKE TO KNOW.

I totally understand!

YOU'RE JUST TERRIFIED TO FIND OUT YOU'RE NOT RAKU'S INTENDED!

OH, I GET IT, KIRISAKI!

WHAT ?!

THAT'S NOT IT!!

ドクン.. LUB DUB

ドクン.. LUB DUB

ドクン.. LUB DUB

ドクン.. LUB DUB

...!!

ドキ

EVEN IF ONE OF US OPENS IT...

LIKE YOU SAID, THE WHOLE THING HAPPENED SO LONG AGO.

BUT I GUESS I'M KINDA CURIOUS...

EVERYONE HOLD YOUR HORSES.

WAIT.

HUH?

...ON THIS PENDANT.

THE LOCK'S STILL BROKEN...

...THAT'S KEEPING ME FROM OPENING IT.

BUT THERE'S STILL SOME-THING STUCK DEEP INSIDE THE LOCK...

WELL, BASICALLY...

I FREED THE KEY THAT WAS JAMMED IN THERE.

SO WHAT'LL IT BE?

HOWEVER, I'D HAVE TO DESTROY THE PENDANT TO GET AT WHATEVER'S INSIDE.

THIS PENDANT'S PROBABLY SOMETHING IMPORTANT, RIGHT?

EVENTUALLY, WE MIGHT FIND SOME WAY OF GETTING WHATEVER IT IS OUT...

SO, YOU GET THE DRIFT.

WELL, IF THE LOCK ISN'T FIXED ...

BY THE WAY, SHU... ABOUT THAT PHOTO-BOOK YOU PROMISED ME...

WAAAH! MY SIGNED, LIMITED-EDITION PHOTO-BOOK!

KCHING

HEY! DON'T BREAK IT!!

THIS PENDANT'S IMPORTANT TO ME!!

ANY-WAY ...

HE SAID THERE MIGHT BE A WAY TO OPEN IT EVENTUALLY.

WE JUST HAVE TO BE PATIENT!

I HOPE WE DON'T HAVE TO BREAK IT...

IF IT LOOKS LIKE IT CAN'T BE FIXED...

...AND ALL OF US REALLY WANT TO KNOW...

I GUESS WE COULD BREAK THE PENDANT AND SEE WHAT'S INSIDE.

WHATEVER'S INSIDE MIGHT GIVE US A CLUE.

OH WELL.

!!

COULD IT BE...

クス…♡

TEE-HEE

...AN ENGAGE-MENT RING? ♡

I WONDER WHAT IT COULD BE.

IT HAS TO BE SOMETHING PRETTY SMALL...

OH...

SOMETHING RAKU AND WHOEVER IT WAS WANTED TO HAVE WHEN THEY FOUND EACH OTHER AGAIN...

THEY'RE SO ENTER-TAINING.

Oh, come on! Grow up!

OMG!!

うーん…

SHAKKA プル

SHAKKA プル

SHAKKA プル

Hmph!

I TRIED TO TELL YOU GUYS!

TALK ABOUT ANTI-CLIMACTIC!

SHEESH! YOU GOT US ALL WORKED UP OVER NOTHING!

AND WHAT IF...

...MY KEY DIDN'T WORK?

WHAT IF...

...MY KEY WORKED?

STILL...

IF ONE OF US HAD OPENED THE PENDANT...

I WONDER WHAT WOULD'VE HAPPENED?

IF THAT HAPPENED...

...COULD I STILL KEEP UP THIS CHARADE?

I'M NOT SURE I COULD.

I KNOW...

...IT WAS ALL SO LONG AGO...

...BUT I'M SURE IT WOULD AFFECT ME.

...HOW WILL I FEEL?

...AND THEN FIND OUT I'M NOT THE ONE...

IF I GO ON FEELING THIS WAY ABOUT HIM...

DO I WANT THINGS TO JUST STAY LIKE THIS?

WHAT DO I WANT?

...WHAT I WANT FROM OUR RELATION-SHIP.

I STILL DON'T KNOW...

NOW I'M GETTING WORRIED.

WELL...

YOU SEEM KINDA WEIRD TODAY.

WHAT?

HEY, CHITOGE?

He's so oblivious...

IN ANY CASE...

AS LONG AS I PLAY IT COOL, I DOUBT HE'LL EVER NOTICE HOW I FEEL ABOUT HIM.

LUB DUB

ドキ...

ARE YOU...

THAT LOOK ON YOUR FACE...

...MADE ME KINDA WONDER...

Huh?

YOU'RE...

HE'S PROBABLY JUST GOING TO SAY SOMETHING IDIOTIC!

HE'S WAY TOO DENSE!

NO. THERE'S NO WAY!

LUB DUB

ド...ン!

Sheesh...

WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SOME-THING?

OH GOD! NO WAY!

ド...ン

CAN HE TELL?!

IS IT TOTALLY NOTICEABLE?!

...HUNGRY.

RIGHT?

I KNEW IT!

I'VE KNOWN YOU LONG ENOUGH TO KNOW THAT MUCH!

WHEN YOU GET ALL SERIOUS AND THOUGHT-FUL...

...IT USUALLY MEANS YOU'RE HUNGRY.

...

COME TO THINK OF IT, YOU DIDN'T EAT MUCH LUNCH.

NO WON-DER!

ARE YOU DIETING OR SOME-THING?

KRIK

Hyarg

WHAM

?!!

YOU MORON!!

OH WELL.

BWA HA HA!!

WHATEVER!!

...

HEH...

ハァ… HAHH

ハァ… HAHH

ニヘ…！

GRIN

...??

I'LL WORRY ABOUT ALL THAT...

HEE HEE HEE...

クス クス…

HEE HEE

クス

...LATER.

SHUT UP!

I KNEW IT! YOU'RE HUNGRY !!

HOW COME I'M TREAT-ING?!

WHAT ?!

YOUR TREAT!!

HEY, LET'S GET RAMEN NOO-DLES!

It's your own fault for sucking at rock-paper-scissors!
♪
Again? How many orders is this?!
Coming right up!
More noodles!!

Physical Examinations

IT STARTED OUT LIKE A REGULAR MORNING...

OH, RIGHT...

WE'RE HAVING PHYSICAL EXAMS THIS AFTERNOON.

HUH?

ざわ YAP

ざわ YAP

ざわ YAP

ざわ YAP

SOME-THING'S HAPPENING AT THE SCHOOL ENTRANCE ...

WHAT'S GOING ON?

I WONDER IF I'VE GOTTEN TALLER...

WHY DO THEY SCHEDULE 'EM WHEN IT'S SO COLD?

Chapter 52: Measurements

WHAT NOW?

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YAP ざわ YAP ざわ YAP ざわ...

Ah Sorry!

Hey, you punks Whatcha lookin' at?! Beat it!

SORRY TO TROUBLE YA.

WE'RE FROM DA BEEHIVE.

GUESS YOU MIGHT NOT REMEMBER UNDERLINGS LIKE US, BUT...

THERE HE IS!

?!

YOU'RE THAT SHUEI-GUMI KID, RIGHT?

YO, BROTHER!

IT'S ABOUT THIS HERE BRIEFCASE...

YA SEE...

UH... WHAT?

UH-OH. I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS.

YOU'RE OUR LAST HOPE!

YOU GOTTA HELP US!

WHAT?!

PLEASE! WE CAN'T FIND CLAUDE AND WE NEED YOU TO FIGURE OUT THE CODE!

TROUBLE IS...WE LOST THE PAPER WITH THE CODE TO THE LOCK!

THERE'S SOMETHING INSIDE WE GOTTA HAVE FOR AN IMPORTANT BUSINESS DEAL THIS AFTERNOON.

WHAT THE HECK IS CLAUDE THINK-ING?!

ARE THE YOUNG MISTRESS'S CHEST-WAIST-HIP MEASURE-MENTS!

BLRF!!

ブッ!!

HOW AM I SUP-POSED TO...

WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!

AND THE THREE NUMBERS HE USED...

WELL, SEE, IT WAS CLAUDE WHO SET THE CODE...

DO YOU REALIZE WHAT YOU'RE ASKING ME TO DO?!

I CAN'T DO THAT!!

BUT YOU HAVE TO! YOU'RE HER BOYFRIEND. YOU GOT A WAY BETTER CHANCE THAN US!

GAH!

not really

IT'S A GOLDEN OPPOR-TUNITY!

YOU'RE DOING PHYSICALS AT SCHOOL TODAY, RIGHT?

AAAUGH!

YOU GOTTA FIND OUT HER MEASURE-MENTS FOR US!!

SO, YOU WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO KNOW THEM, RIGHT?

OF COURSE I DON'T!

DANG. THAT MAKES IT HARDER...

WE'LL BE BACK FOR THE CODE!

GOTTA RUN NOW...

YOU HAVE TO HELP US!

WHA... W-W-WAIT!

WE GOTTA DELIVER THE GOODS BY 3:00 OR WE'RE GONERS ...

WE'LL BE FISH FOOD AT THE BOTTOM OF TOKYO BAY!

ズーン

DOOM

I DON'T BELIEVE THIS!

AARGH!!

AAAAAAAH

あああああああああ

...

VOOSH

ヒュー!!

WHAT'S THE WORST THAT COULD HAPPEN?

SHOULD I JUST ASK HER FOR HER MEASURE-MENTS?

WHY ME?

WHAT NOW?

(3) The Other Girls

わーYAP わーYAP

EW! WHAT A CREEP!!

GET AWAY, YOU SICKO!

Boo!

(2) Tsugumi

YOU EXPECT US TO BELIEVE THAT RIDICULOUS STORY?!

THE MIS-TRESS'S MEASURE-MENTS?!

くわわ!!

Prediction (1) Chitoge

WHAT KIND OF SICK FANTA-SIES ARE YOU LOST IN?

YOU DIS-GUSTING PERV!!

GRRR!

WHAT?!

くわっ!

MY MEASURE-MENTS?!

SOMETHING GANGSTERS NEED FOR AN IMPORTANT DEAL...

WHAT'S IN THERE, ANYWAY?

THERE'S NO WAY THEY'D BELIEVE ME.

NO...

ズ= WORMP

ーン...

DON'T TOUCH THAT!!

HEY...

WHAT'S IN THE BRIEF-CASE?

YIKES! IT'S NOT GOING TO BLOW UP OR SOMETHING IF WE DON'T GET IT OPEN IN TIME, IS IT?

?!

?!

DARN!

I HAVE TO GET THAT CODE!!

わい CHATTER

わい CHATTER

Girls Changing Room Stay Out or Die!!

キャッ HA HA キャッ

THIS IS CUTTING IT SUPER CLOSE...

THE PHYSICAL EXAM IS MY ONLY CHANCE!

BY 3:00... NOT MUCH TIME LEFT.

TICK

GLANCE

I DON'T WANNA DO THIS, BUT I HAVE NO CHOICE!

I THINK I'VE GAINED WEIGHT...

NO WAY!

U

You've got such an awesome bod!

I HAVE TO FIND OUT CHITOGE'S MEASUREMENTS DURING THE PHYSICAL EXAM!

HEY, KIRISAKI! YOU'LL TELL US YOUR MEASURE-MENTS AFTERWARDS, RIGHT?

GIGGLE キャッ

キャッ GIGGLE

NOW COMES THE HARD PART.

SO FAR SO GOOD. I'M INSIDE.

SURE.

GLADLY, MISTRESS!

HEY, TSUGUMI...

LET'S GO TOGETHER, OKAY?

I CAN'T HELP FEELING LIKE I'M DOING SOME-THING REALLY MESSED UP!!

BUT NOW THAT I'M HERE...

キャ…

キャッ

GIGGLE GIGGLE

...IN A GIRLS-ONLY SPACE...

THEY'LL BE TAKING THE GIRLS' STATS IN HERE.

I SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIND OUT CHITOGE'S MEASURE-MENTS!

TCH

ビクッ

NOW, LET'S JUST GET THIS OVER WITH...

I'LL EXPLAIN IT ALL TO CHITOGE LATER AND APOLOGIZE.

WHY IS THIS HAPPENING?

RRST...

ゴソ…

カパッ…

SHP

WHSHH

ビシュ!!

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THWAK

INTRUDER!

...I'M DEAD MEAT!!

IF THEY FIND ME...

HOLY MOLY...

GEEZ, TSUGUMI, YOU SCARED ME!

Coulda sworn I heard some-thing.

OH. THAT'S WEIRD.

THERE'S NOBODY HERE!

HOW COME THEY AREN'T MORE SPREAD OUT?

THERE REALLY ARE A TON OF GIRLS IN HERE!

WAIT...

CHAT

CHAT

CHAT

SEEMS LIKE ALMOST ALL THE GIRLS IN OUR CLASS ARE HERE...

AND HOW COME IT'S SO CROWDED ?!

BUT IT'S TOO NOISY. I CAN'T HEAR THE NURSES!

I MUST GET CHITOGE'S MEASURE-MENTS!!

NO! I'VE COME THIS FAR...

ACK! GET ME OUTTA HERE!!

HUH?

NOW, KIRISAKI !!

LOOM

くわっ

I THINK I'M THE ONLY ONE LEFT.

WHO HASN'T HAD THEIR CHEST MEASUREMENT TAKEN YET?

OKAY, TSUGUMI ...

TEE-HEE. DON'T BE MAD, TSUGUMI...

WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!

SORRY, TSUGUMI ...

ソﾞﾛ SHF SHF ソﾞﾛ...

?!

SHOOP

M- MISTRESS ?!

?!

SORRY, TSUGUMI. WE ALL PROMISE TO TREAT YOU TO WHATEVER YOU WANT AFTERWARDS.

That's not the issue!!

WHAT?!

M- MIS- TRESS? WHAT'S GOING ON?!

You've gotta be kidding

W-

WHAAAT ?!

YOU'VE GOT THE BEST RACK OF ANY GIRL IN CLASS, TSUGUMI...

A...AND WE ALL WANT TO KNOW HOW YOU MEASURE UP!!

AIEEEE!!

STOP, PLEASE!

H-HEY... W- WAIT!! ER... HOLD ON...

EEK!!

HERE IT COMES!

OKAY, TSU- GUMI!

WHP ビシッ!

パ
CLAP
WHY'RE YOU CLAPPING ?!
LEM-MEE SEE!
WOW-ZA!
ME TOO!!
OH MY!
WOW!
WHOA !!
…
WOW!!
HER OWN CHEST GREW TWO CUP SIZES AFTER THAT!
THE GIRL WHO TOUCHED TSUGUMI'S BOOBS AT THE HOT SPRINGS DURING SCHOOL CAMP?
HEY…
I JUST REMEM-BERED SOME-THING.
EEP!!
ゾオォ～…
SHAKKA
グリン…
FWSH

AIEE!!

WAIT, TSU-GUMI!!

TMP TMP TMP TMP

トトトト

YOU SHOULD'VE COME STRAIGHT TO ME!!

OH, RAKU DARLING! IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN CHEST-WAIST-HIP MEASURE-MENTS...

SO MUCH FOR FORGETTING THIS EVER HAPPENED...

Not that I'm surprised..

HUH?

T-TACHIBANA !!

I-IT'S NOT WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE! I CAN EXPLAIN!!

DON'T YOU WORRY ABOUT A THING! WHY, WE'LL JUST FORGET THIS EVER HAPPENED!

TEE-HEE! OH, RAKU DEAREST, IT'S QUITE ALL RIGHT!

WAIT, RAKU DEAR-EST!!

THERE'S NO TIME FOR THIS!!

SHOOP

UH, THANKS, BUT I THINK I'LL PASS...

YOU'RE QUITE WELCOME TO CHECK FOR YOURSELF IF YOU PREFER!

WELL? DON'T YOU WANT TO KNOW MY MEASURE-MENTS?

THERE SHE IS!

I'm from the left?

SKREE キキッ!!

OH!

PRETTY SOON THE PHYSICAL EXAMS'LL BE OVER!!

RATS! I'VE TOTALLY LOST TRACK OF CHITOGE NOW!!

ONE PEEK, AND I'LL BE THROUGH!

ALL I NEED IS A QUICK PEEK AT CHITOGE'S CHART.

SORRY, DOC. I'LL BRING THIS RIGHT BACK!

SHOOP

!!!

OKAY NOW...

!!y!

GASP

...FURTHER...!

LUB DUB

ドクン..!

JUST A LITTLE BIT...

LUB DUB

ドクン..!

GOOD GRIEF!

I'm not sure how to fill out this form

LUB DUB

ドキン..

ドキン..

SHE'S THE LAST PERSON I WANT TO FIND OUT ABOUT THIS!!

CAN I ASK YOU A QUESTION?

AAAAH!! IT'S ONODERA!!

UM, DOC-TOR?

DO YOU HAVE A MINUTE?

TWITCH

HUH ?!

THAT'S NOT A GOOD IDEA...

FOOSH

I'M SORRY!

ゴン!!

KLONK

ガン!!

KLONK

?!

(4) Onodera

WELL... I GUESS YOU'RE A HEALTHY, RED-BLOODED MALE... HA HA...

I... I'M...

QUIVER

OH...

HER... CHEST-WAIST-HIP MEASURE-MENTS?!

QUIVER

MAYBE IF I EXPLAINED EVERYTHING, ONODERA WOULD UNDER-STAND!

WAIT...

BLOOP

ポン

BLOOP

BLRF !!

RURI! WHO SAID YOU COULD LOOK AT THAT?!

HEY, KOSAKI. YOU HAVEN'T GROWN AT ALL!

OH... ER... OKAY.

I'M SORRY, YOUNG LADY, BUT WOULD YOU PLEASE ASK SOMEONE ELSE?

ゲホン..!! K-KOFF!!

WOW, WHAT A HUSKY VOICE!

It's really not my field.

UM, DOCTOR?

SHOOP

ポン

JOLT

ビク!!

!!!

TAKE CARE!

OH NO! CHITOGE'S DONE! I MISSED MY CHANCE!!

THAT SOUND-ED LIKE...

WAIT A SEC.

ICHIJO ?

OH ÑO!!

THAT WAS CLOSE !!

HEY !! WHA ...?!

I coulda sworn...

HAHH ハー…

HAHH ハー…

VOOSH

ファサン…

コト…

TICK

THE PHYSICAL EXAMS ARE OVER, AND IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE GANGSTERS' BUSINESS DEAL!

NOW WHAT? I'M ALMOST OUT OF TIME!!

YIKES!!

そろ――…

SHP

THAT WOULDA BEEN THE END OF LIFE AS I KNOW IT!

HERE GOES NOTHING!!

ガ!!

SHP

HEY, CHITOGE!

THE SIGN'S GONE. THEY MUST BE DONE CHANG-ING.

IF I EXPLAIN THE WHOLE SITUATION, SHE'LL HAVE TO 'UNDER-STAND!

FLUTTER ナナ…

IF SHE BEATS THE SNOT OUTTA ME, SO BE IT!!

I'VE GOT TO ASK HER STRAIGHT UP. THERE'S NO OTHER WAY!!

THIS IS IT!

TMP

ズン!!

TMP

ズン!!

TMP

ズン!

I NEED YOUR CHEST-WAIST-HIPS MEASURE-MENTS!!

LOSER DIE!

I'M A PERV PERVERT

PLIP

ITO-N...

THAT'S RIGHT. I'M SORRY.

Yikes!

YES...

I JUST HAVE TO ENTER MY MEASURE-MENTS HERE?

SO?

YOU DUMMY...

I WOULD'VE BELIEVED YOU!..

YEAH, RIGHT! YOU NEVER WOULD'VE BELIEVED ME!!

I knew you'd beat the snot outta me.

WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO IN THE FIRST PLACE?

This never would've happened!

FOR PETE'S SAKE ...

THE CODE TO THE LOCK AIN'T THE MISTRESS'S MEASURE-MENTS AFTER ALL!!

TURNS OUT, WE WERE WRONG!

HEY THERE, KID!

SORRY ABOUT ALL THE TROUBLE WE CAUSED YA!

WHAT ?!

WHY NOT?!

DIE!

I'M A PERVERT

HEY...

IT DIDN'T OPEN.

CLAUDE'S CHEST-WAIST-HIP MEASURE-MENTS!

HA HA HA HA

IT'S ACTUALLY ...

Whoa

YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING!!

What's in here, anyway?

...

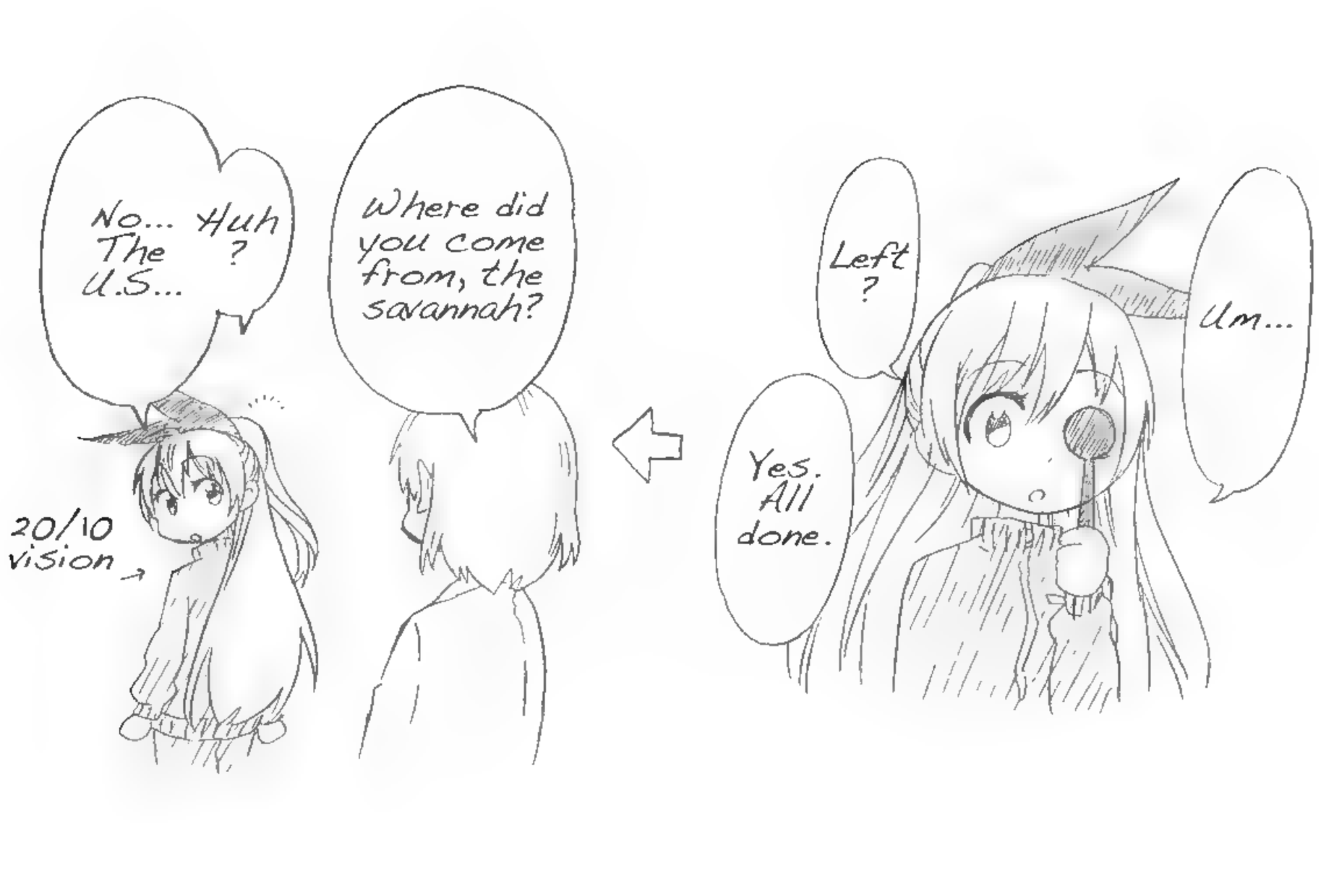
WE'LL SWING RIGHT BY TO GRAB DA BRIEF-CASE!

SO ANYWAY, WE GOT DA NUMBERS NOW!

SEE, CLAUDE'S A BIT OF A BODY-BUILDER...

WHAT...

WHAT...


Um...
Left ?
Yes. All done.
Where did you come from, the savannah?
No... Huh The ? U.S...
20/10 vision →

OKAY, OKAY. HURRY UP AND EAT.

More, please

Ha ha ha

YUM!!

YOU'RE HELPING WITH THE NEIGHBOR-HOOD CLEAN-UP TODAY, RIGHT?

YOUNG MASTER, YOU'RE SUCH AN AMAZING COOK!

Onodera

DOES ANYONE STILL BELIEVE IN THAT GARBAGE?

CHOMP, CHOMP

HORO-SCOPES, HUH?

HUH?

NEXT UP...

...TODAY'S BLOOD-TYPE HORO-SCOPES.

OKAY!

THE LUCKIEST BLOOD-TYPE OF THE DAY IS...

AND NOW!

HURRY UP AND FINISH EATING, KOSAKI!

GLRF?!

TYPE A!!

YOUR LUCKY ITEM IS STEWED KONN-YAKU.*

YOUR LUCKY COLOR IS RED!

BE BOLD AND PROACTIVE, AND YOU MIGHT FIND YOURSELF SUDDENLY EXTRA CLOSE TO THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE IN YOUR LIFE!

TODAY'S YOUR LUCKY DAY!!

*A JELLY-LIKE FOOD MADE FROM KONNYAKU POTATO STARCH.

WAAAH!!

TYPE O!!

YOUR LUCKY ITEM IS STRAW-BERRY MILK!

YOUR LUCKY COLOR IS BLUE!

NOTHING WILL GO RIGHT. STAY AWAY FROM THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE UNLESS YOU WANT MISFORTUNE TO BEFALL THEM TOO!!

UNFOR-TUNATELY, YOU'LL BE TORMENTED BY TERRIBLE LUCK TODAY!

Chapter 53: Horoscope

AAAAAH!!

GRIN

HORO-SCOPES. HA!

WHO BELIEVES IN THAT STUFF NOWADAYS?

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CHIRP

4ュン...

CHIRP

I MADE SURE TO PACK PLENTY OF STEWED KONNYAKU IN MY LUNCH...

One of my specialties!

I WON-DER WHAT THAT COULD MEAN?

...BUT "SUD-DENLY EXTRA CLOSE"?

I KNOW HORO-SCOPES ARE A BUNCH OF NON-SENSE...

I KNOW IT'S SILLY.

Here we go!

OFF TO A GREAT START!

AH HA!

I HAVE A FEELING SOMETHING GOOD'S GOING TO HAPPEN TODAY!

I'M READY TO BE 30% BOLDER AND MORE PROACTIVE THAN USUAL!

OH.

GOOD MORNING. HAVE A NICE DAY.

HEY, ONODERAAA!

TAK TAK TAK AAA...

GOOD MORNING!

ZOOSH

HHー…!!

IS IT ME, OR DID SHE JUST TOTALLY AVOID ME?!

I'VE NEVER SEEN THAT LOOK ON ONODERA'S FACE BEFORE!

Have a nice day...?!

WHAT'S GOING ON?!

WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?

HUH?

IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE MY LUCKY DAY, RIGHT?

READ THE HANDOUT BEFORE YOU START!

IT'S COOL. I'VE JUST GOT TO KEEP TRYING!

Science Experiment Period One

WAIT, RAKU... CALM DOWN!

DIIING DOOONG

ONODERA CAN BE IN A BAD MOOD EVERY NOW AND THEN.

ﾅﾅ VOOSH

OH...

THANKS.

I PICKED UP A HANDOUT FOR YOU.

HEY, ONO-DERA...

Ha ha...

Here!

ﾅﾅﾅｰ!! SKOOCH

?

ﾋｸｰ!! SHAKKA

ﾁｮｺﾝ... SKOOT

MAN, THIS IS REALLY BUMMING ME OUT!!

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT IT WAS!!

DID I DO SOME-THING?

BUT WHY?!

SHE'S DEFINITELY AVOIDING ME!

OKAY, I'M SURE OF IT NOW.

I HOPE HE DOESN'T HATE ME FOR ACTING LIKE THIS!

IT WAS SO NICE OF HIM TO PICK UP THE HANDOUT FOR ME.

UH-OH. I HOPE I WASN'T TOO OBVIOUS...

...

SKWEE #1...

...AND BE FRIENDLY AND NICE.

I SHOULD QUIT ACTING LIKE THIS...

THIS ISN'T RIGHT!

WHY SHOULD I BELIEVE THAT STUPID HOROSCOPE ANYWAY? ICHIJO DOESN'T DESERVE THIS.

THIS IS SO LAME!

NOW, MIX CHEMI-CALS B AND C...

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SHLOOP

?!

WAAH!! ONO-DERA?!

KA-FOOM

?!

KOFF

OH, NO!!

SENSEI, ISN'T THIS THE WRONG NUMBER?

BUT THOSE CHEMICALS AREN'T EXPLOSIVE ...

WHAT ?!

KSHH

KSHH

GROUP TWO'S CHEMICALS EXPLODED !!

SENSEI !!

CHATTER

CHATTER

CHATTER

GASP

WATCH OUT, ICHIJO!

FOOF

FOOF

OW! THAT'S HOT!!

THIS REALLY IS MY UNLUCKY TODAY...

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

HEY, ONODERA, ARE YOU OKAY!?

HERE, USE MY HAND-KERCHIEF.

ARE YOU OKAY, ONODERA?

LUB DUB ドキ!!

HLF ?!

THIS IS TERRIBLE...

OH NO... IS MY BAD LUCK REALLY AFFECTING HIM?

ICHIJO BURNED HIS HAND?!

BE CARE-FUL...

IT'S NOT SO BAD.

I'M FINE!

HUH ?!

ZOOM ビュン!!

I'LL JUST WASH UP.

I-I'M GOOD.

ガタ.. CLATTER

WHAT ?

UM...

?

I...

NO THANKS ...

I APPRECIATE THE OFFER! I REALLY DO!

I'M S-SORRY, ICHIJO!!

WAAAAAH!!

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ぁぁん!!

DID YOU DO SOMETHING TO KOSAKI?

WHAT?! WHAT'S GOING ON?!

TIME TO LEVERAGE MY LUCKY ITEM AND LUCKY COLOR!!

OH! I KNOW!!

JOLT

MUST... KEEP TRYING...

TODAY'S SUPPOSED TO BE MY LUCKY DAY!

I HAVE TO CHILL. MAYBE SHE'S JUST IN A BAD MOOD.

ズリ

AAAAAARGH!

WHAT'S THE DEAL?!

1-C

I HAVE NO IDEA WHY SHE'S AVOIDING ME!!

HEY, CHITOGE!

HMM ?

MY LUCKY COLOR IS...

...RED.

WHERE CAN I FIND SOMETHING RED?

W-W-WHAT'S GOING ON?!

H-HEY!

WHAT IS IT?

ガタ... CLATTER

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

WAIT...

HOLD STILL A MINUTE, WOULDJA?

'SCUSE ME.

WHAT'S UP?

ガタ... CLATTER

HUH?

THANKS, CHITOGE!

THAT SHOULD DO IT!

WHAT?!

さわ RUB

さわ RUB

さわ… RUB

NOW MY LUCK'S TURBO-CHARGED!

THE REST IS UP TO ME!

WHAT WAS THAT ?!

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ゴクッ! ULP

YOU KNOW... UH...

UM... WELL, I...

WHAT IS IT?

W-

LUB DUB

LUB DUB

ドッキン ドッキン

ONO-DERA !!

LUB DUB

ビクッ !!

HUH?

AAAAAH! I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M DOING THIS!!

HA HA...

I WAS WONDER-ING...

IF YOU WANTED TO EAT LUNCH TOGETHER?

WE CAN?

REAL-LY?

SMOOSH

パニ～～～～ン!!

WELL, I'M SURE WE CAN ARRANGE SOME-THING.

INVITING A GIRL TO LUNCH? THAT'S PRETTY BOLD!

I DON'T THINK...

WHAT'S COME OVER YOU, ICHIJO?

...

SO?

YAP わい

わい YAP

NO, RURI!

PLEASE STAY!!

DRAG ズル

DRAG ズル...

SEE YA, KOSAKI.

I'M GOING TO GO EAT WITH CHITOGE.

YEAH! WE SHOULD DO THIS MORE OFTEN!

LIKE, EVERY DAY, EVEN!

WHO INVITED YOU?

Just the two of us would've been even better! ♡

TEE-HEE!

I THINK THAT'S A LOVELY IDEA!

I THOUGHT IT'D BE A NICE CHANGE OF PACE.

WELL...

WHY'RE YOU EATING WITH US TODAY?

THIS IS SO GREAT...

HE'S NEVER ASKED ME TO EAT WITH HIM BEFORE...!

WHAT'S COME OVER ICHIJO TODAY?

LUB DUB ドキ...

LUB DUB ドキ...!

I'M SO HAPPY, I COULD CRY!

SHE'S RIGHT NEXT TO ME. MY LUCK'S GETTING BETTER!

OKAY! AT LEAST WE'RE HAVING LUNCH TOGETHER!

...IN THAT CASE...

WELL...

LUB DUB ドキン...

LUB DUB ドキン...

MAYBE MY HOROSCOPE WAS WRONG AFTER ALL...

I'M SUPPOSED TO HAVE A BAD DAY.

WAIT A SEC...

BY THE WAY, ONODERA...

...IT SO HAPPENS...

MY STEWED KONNYAKU IS SURE TO GET THINGS ROLLING!

TIME TO BUST OUT MY LUCKY ITEM!!

JIGGLE プルン…!

RRRRMBB

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ONODERA SEEMS TO BE IN A BETTER MOOD...

HEY...

MAYBE THINGS ARE LOOKING UP!

I...

UM...

?

SHAKKA プル

SHAKKA プル

SHAKKA プル

OH...

WOULD YOU LIKE SOME?

...I HAVE SOME GOOD STEWED KONNYAKU TODAY, BUT I MADE TOO MUCH.

ス…

SHP

SERIOUSLY?!

I'M SORRY, BUT KONNYAKU IS THE ONE FOOD KOSAKI REALLY CAN'T STAND.

Bad timing..

ICHIJO ...

SO MUCH FOR MY LUCKY ITEM!!

IT'S THE ONE FOOD SHE HATES?!

GEEZ, I DON'T BELIEVE THIS!!

Wow, this is good!!

NO, IT'S OKAY!

I-I'M SORRY!

SOME OTHER TIME, I'LL MAKE SOMETHING DIFFERENT!

Ha ha!

I-I'LL HAVE SOME!

OH, WELL. I'LL EAT IT, RAKU.

I'LL JUST GO BUY SOMETHING!

ガタッ!

CLATTER

I FORGOT TO PACK A DRINK TODAY.

'SCUSE ME, EVERYONE.

REALLY? OH...

THIS REALLY IS MY UNLUCKY DAY.

THAT WAS TOO AWKWARD.

I...

TMP

タン...

BUT IF THE HOROSCOPE KEEPS ON TURNING OUT TO BE TRUE, AND IF MORE MISFORTUNE COMES YOUR WAY...

YOU TRIED TALKING TO ME MORE THAN USUAL TODAY...

I'M SO SORRY, ICHIJO.

THIS IS BAD...

I FEEL FAINT!

WORMP

グニャアアアアアア...

UH... OH...

?!

WOOOZ

アアア

HUH?

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パニ-SHP-!!

KRASH

ドアア

BONK

CLONK

ゴロ

THUNK

THIS REALLY ISN'T...

...MY LUCKY DAY.

LOOKS LIKE SHE'S NOT HURT.

GOOD...

YOU OKAY?

OW OW OW...

Nurse

...“SUDDENLY EXTRA CLOSE”?

IS THIS WHAT IT MEANT BY...

WHEW

HUH?
WHERE AM I?
Don't you remember?
YOU'RE IN THE NURSE'S OFFICE.
YOU PASSED OUT. ANEMIA, PROBABLY.
OH, YOU'RE AWAKE?
JOLT
?!
パチッ
BLINK
You might want to thank him later.
HIS NAME WAS ICHIJO, I THINK.
A BOY IN YOUR CLASS...
...BROUGHT YOU HERE.
ICHIJO BROUGHT ME HERE?
ANEMIA?
I MUST'VE FALLEN DOWN THE STAIRCASE!
I REMEMBER NOW. I STARTED TO FEEL FAINT GOING DOWN THE STAIRS...
HE LEFT *THIS* FOR YOU.
ONE OTHER THING...
'Scuse me, Nurse!
WHAT?!
TOO BAD I WAS UNCONSCIOUS!!
HE CARRIED YOU IN LIKE A PRINCESS!
WHAT A SIGHT!

DIIING DOOONG

キーン コーン…

TOO BAD. IF YOU'D SLEPT A LITTLE LONGER, YOU COULD'VE MISSED CLASS!

OH, THERE'S THE BELL.

SEIJI

Strawberry Milk

Fruit juice 1%

I GUESS IT'S NOT YOUR LUCKY DAY.

...

NO...

HUH?

IT ACTUALLY IS...

...MY LUCKY DAY.

Oh, please. I'm supposed to believe that?!

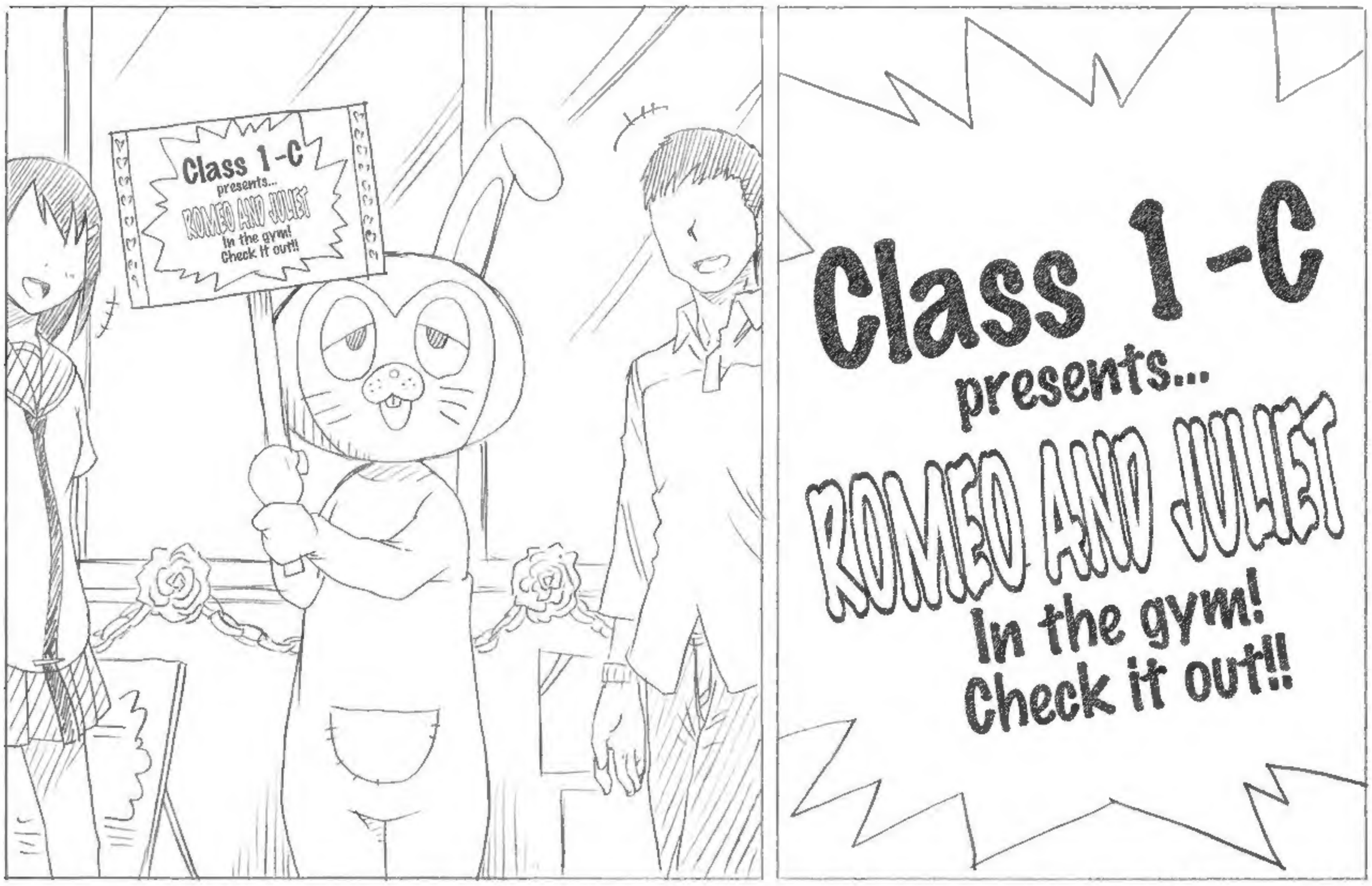
I fell down the stairs.

Mm

Whoa! What happened to you?!

Bonus Manga

☆ Meanwhile... ☆



KSHH

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Thank you!

Ten more, please!

Mff...

Thanks so much!

...I hope the play's going okay...

Ko-saki...

One hour ago, Onodera sprained her ankle!

GASP!

☆ END ☆

Bonus Manga

☆A day in the life of Tachibana☆

I take care of them too.

I find that so attractive!

So, you're an animal lover?

What a coincidence!

Gracious!

I didn't know you took care of the school's animals, Raku!

SCREECH

MEEEEH

SCREECH

GRRRRR

SSSSSSS

SQUAAAWK

SNORT SNORT

SKREEEECH

I'm not really an animal person, but since you invited me, Raku Dearest ...

Oh, yes!

Would you like to meet them, Tachibana?

If you're coming, you'd better help.

GRIN

Oh-ho?

Eeeek! Stay back!!

Quit being a wuss.

No biggie. See?

Er...

I'm hearing some unusual animal sounds here...

Not just dogs and birds...

A-A-Alli-gators?!

W-why??

Yep. We've got quite a diverse collec-tion. Alli-gators, even.

You know... Raku loves these animals like his own children.

Aw, poor thing.

Tee hee♫

What're you doing?!

You're crazy!!

EEEK!!

Say hi to Tah the snake. Isn't he cute?

Aw, c'mon!

SSSSS..

Cut that out.

Total buddies.

What's your name, snakey?

Oh! What a lovely snake!

Tee hee hee!

Me too.

I guess I've got to give her props for this.

SSSSS

Tee hee hee

QUIVER ﾌﾞﾙ QUIVER ﾌﾞﾙ

SHAKKA ｶﾞｸ SHAKKA ｶﾞｸ

☆ END ☆